Sixth Annual OUT on the Hill Black LGBT Leadership Summit

A Focus on the Health and Wellness of Our Community

WE ARE FAMILY
BUILDING STRONGER ROOTS TOGETHER

September 16-19, 2015 | Washington, DC
Hosted by the National Black Justice Coalition
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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

On behalf of the board and staff of the National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC), it is my privilege to welcome you to the 6th Annual OUT on the Hill Black LGBT Leadership Summit (OOTH2015). Since 2003, NBJC has provided leadership at the intersection of African American civil rights groups and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organizations, advocating for the unique challenges and needs of the Black LGBT community that are often relegated to the sidelines. Progress on LGBT social and political issues grows as LGBT people feel empowered to be open about their full identity and stake a claim in their future. NBJC strives to build an informed and strategic constituency equipped with the necessary tools to own their power.

Each year, NBJC convenes a collective of hundreds of Black LGBT activists, thought leaders, elected officials, faith leaders, elders and young adults during OUT on the Hill to participate in an inspiring week of education, organizing and action planning. This year during OOTH2015, we anticipate a phenomenal turnout and substantive programming focused on the health and wellness of our community. In the spirit of this year’s conference theme—We Are Family: Building Stronger Roots Together—OOTH2015 efforts will be deeply-rooted in uplifting the needs of the Black LGBT community to better understand where our community fits in current national dialogues, including: the impact of the Affordable Care Act; the implications of the 2020 National HIV/AIDS Strategy; the advances made in the LGBT-equality movement; and the new social justice movement—#BlackLivesMatter. In addition, we are thrilled for the return of our workshop sessions presented by community members from across the nation to empower, educate and enhance the knowledge base of OOTH2015 participants. We look forward to your full participation during this week’s groundbreaking events.

This is an important year for our community and our nation as a whole. As we approach the 2016 presidential election, NBJC has accepted the charge to lead Black families in strengthening the bonds and bridging the gaps between the racial justice and LGBT equality movements. We will continue to claim our seat at the table and to represent our constituency with authenticity.

We gather this week to be informed, inspired and energized! Please share the lessons, tools and power you will access with your communities and beyond.

Your Sister in the Struggle,

Sharon J. Lettman-Hicks
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
The National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC) is honored to present the 2015 Inaugural Cohort of 100 Black LGBTQ/SGL Emerging Leaders to Watch—a consortium of standout leaders, who self-identify as Black lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, gender non-conforming and/or same gender loving (LGBTQ/SGL). The members of this cohort, ages 18-30, represent the next generation of leading freedom fighters already on the frontlines in their communities to build a brighter future for all people. Collectively, they have a special mission to bring voice, take action and build networks within the Black LGBTQ/SGL population by owning their power. These inspiring leaders are innovators, entrepreneurs, academics, artists, thought leaders, trendsetters, social justice warriors, pundits and scholars. They merit a higher platform of exposure and recognition for their leadership to positively shape the future of our country and world.

NBJC recognizes that it stands on the shoulders of giants—like Bayard Rustin, Audre Lorde and Marsha P. Johnson—who dedicated their lives to justice and equality. Simultaneously, NBJC recognizes the importance of celebrating the extraordinary service of young, Black LGBTQ/SGL people leading the modern-day struggles for fairness, equity and respect. NBJC invites the world to experience, invest and learn about these exceptional young people through their selfless work, achievements and powerful thought leadership.
THIS YEAR’S OOTH2015 EFFORTS WILL BE DEEPLY-ROOTED IN UPLIFTING THE NEEDS OF THE BLACK LGBT COMMUNITY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHERE OUR COMMUNITY FITS IN CURRENT NATIONAL DIALOGUES, including: the impact of the Affordable Care Act; the advances made in the LGBT-equality movement; and the new social justice movement—#BlackLivesMatter. The conference theme, We Are Family: Building Stronger Roots Together, calls to action the Black family construct in addressing health and wellness issues through four key summit tracks: health care (e.g., physical, mental, emotional, behavioral); economics (e.g., financial health, economic justice, employment security, housing, livable wage, entrepreneurship); spirituality (e.g., faith, religion, wholeness, purpose); and social justice (e.g., criminal justice, education, racial profiling, voting rights). OOTH2015 will provide plenary sessions, workshops, networking opportunities and other programmatic efforts to raise awareness and take action on issues impacting the Black LGBT population.

Last year, NBJC organized a robust agenda of groundbreaking events with key topics, including: economic empowerment; faith and religion; HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention; social justice; and community engagement. This year’s summit will have a particular focus on providing educational sessions and town halls to address Black LGBT health and wellness.

IN ADDITION, OOTH2015 ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS FOUNDATION’S ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE (CBCF-ALC). OOTH participants join thousands of African American policy makers, key influencers, organizers and concerned citizens in our nation’s capital to voice the need for an African American agenda inclusive of Black LGBT people and our issues.

NBJC has incorporated sessions that address and enhance the lived experiences of the Black LGBT community. These efforts are part of NBJC’s Black LGBT Health and Wellness Initiative launched in 2014 to intentionally place focused attention on Black LGBT health and wellness and to see that these issues become a part of the national LGBT-equality agenda.
The National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC), the nation’s leading civil rights organization dedicated to the empowerment of Black lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people, has accepted the charge to lead an effort to address and improve the health and wellness of the Black LGBT population.

As of 2011, 37 million individuals living in the United States identified as Black or African American—making African Americans the third largest racial group in the country. Nationwide, just over one in five (21 percent) of Black men and women do not have health insurance, with the likelihood of being uninsured varying widely across states (ranging from nine percent to 30 percent). Not only are African Americans significantly more likely than whites to be uninsured, but also they face wide and persistent disparities in health and health care. For example, several chronic conditions affect a greater percentage of Black Americans compared to non-Hispanic white men and women, including diabetes, HIV, heart disease and obesity. Furthermore, widespread research shows that uninsured individuals experience worse access to care and poorer health outcomes.

Black lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Americans represent a significant subset of the collective African American family. In fact, approximately 3.7 percent of all African Americans identify as LGBT, with more than one million LGBT African Americans living in the United States. According to the report, LGBT Families of Color: Facts at a Glance, an estimated two million children are being raised in LGBT families, with LGBT people of color being more likely to parent than their white counterparts. And that number is expected to grow in the coming years. Most safety net programs use a narrow definition of family, which presumes a child is being raised by legally-recognized parents. This yields forms of assistance, such as health insurance, being unavailable to LGBT and other diverse families, disproportionately impacting children and families of color. In one study looking at 84,000 African Americans living in same-sex couples, roughly a third of those couples were raising children. These couples are significantly underinsured compared to African American couples in opposite-sex partnerships (74 percent vs. 86 percent). Research reveals that transgender adults are 25 percent less likely to have health insurance (57 percent) than their non-transgender counterparts (82 percent). Additionally, 21 percent of Black transgender people report being refused medical care due to bias.

With the support of the Elton John AIDS Foundation, NBJC created the Black LGBT Health and Wellness Initiative to address the current health crisis and the disparity in culturally competent wellness programs that target Black LGBT men and women. This overlooked community represents multiple populations with disproportionate health disparities—which requires urgent and strategic action. NBJC’s Black LGBT Health and Wellness Initiative aims to strategically and innovatively bring voice and visibility to Black LGBT health concerns, and provide culturally competent and accessible resources and services. The initiative will shift and reshape the conversations happening about African Americans’ physical and mental health to be inclusive of the Black LGBT population. The initiative will also work on various fronts to address stigma and shame within the Black family, and to raise awareness and combat the health crisis impacting the Black LGBT community, including the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Finally, it will help to ensure that Black LGBT people are equipped with the knowledge and access to resources to live healthier lives.
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Networking Reception  
St. Gregory Hotel | 2033 M. Street, NW | Washington, DC |
| WEDNESDAY     | 10:00am - 2:00pm | Health and Wellness Leadership Briefing  
By Invitation Only  
The Beacon Hotel | 1615 Rhode Island Avenue, NW | Washington, DC |
|               | 3:30pm - 6:30pm | Black LGBTQ/SGL Women’s Health and Wellness Roundtable  
By Invitation Only  
The Beacon Hotel | 1615 Rhode Island Avenue, NW | Washington, DC |
|               | 7:30pm        | Celebrating the Soul of Justice  
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Brad R. Braxton  
Asbury United Methodist Church | 926 11th Street, NW | Washington, DC |
|               |               | Hosted by Many Voices                                                                                                                                 |
| THURSDAY      | 9:00am - 10:30am | OPENING PLENARY SESSION  
A Focus on the Health and Wellness of Our Community                                                                                          |
|               | 10:45am - 12:15pm | Workshop Session I | Concurrent Sessions                                                                                                                                  |
|               | 12:30pm - 2:30pm | What Do I Do? A Workshop for Understanding Health & HIV                                                                                           |
|               |               | Somewhere Over the Rainbow: Can We Talk About Bullying?                                                                                           |
|               | 2:45pm - 4:45pm | GENERAL PLENARY SESSION  
A Focus on the Health and Wellness of Black Lesbian and Bisexual Cis Women  
Presented by the Williams Institute |
|               | 5:00pm - 7:00pm | #OOTH2015 Welcome Reception  
We Are Family: Building Stronger Roots Together  
Hosted by the Human Rights Campaign                                                                                                      |
## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### FRIDAY
September 18

**Human Rights Campaign**
1640 Rhode Island Ave, NW
Washington, DC

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Reigniting the Fight Against HIV/AIDS in the Black LGBTQ/SGL Community  
A Public Policy Forum |
| **10:45am - 12:15pm** | Workshop Session II | Concurrent Sessions |
| | Same Sex, Different Everything Else:  
Improving Our Relationships Through Greater Understanding |
| | Addressing Trauma Among Black and Latino Gay Men and MSM:  
Do's and Don'ts for Health and Human Service Providers |
| | That's So Gay! Exploring Scientific Research to  
Answer Common Questions & Beliefs About LGBTQ People |
| **12:30pm - 2:30pm** | LUNCHEON PLENARY SESSION  
The Plight of Trans Women of Color in America  
Hosted by the National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC) and Transgender People of Color Coalition (TPOCC)  
Featured presentation by the United States Department of Justice |

**Post-Luncheon Sessions**
The Beacon Hotel  
1615 Rhode Island Ave., NW  
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Reclaiming Embodied Love |
| **4:30pm - 6:00pm** | Workshop Session IV | Concurrent Sessions |
| | “I Just Don’t Do Doctors”:  
Understanding the Health Needs of Aging Black Lesbians |
| | Intimacy: How We Are Portrayed On Dating Apps Affects  
How We Relate to Each Other in the Bedroom |
| **6:00pm - 9:00pm** | OOTH2015 | Partners & Sponsors Reception  
The Rooftop at the Beacon Hotel |

### SATURDAY
September 19

**The Beacon Hotel**
1615 Rhode Island Ave., NW  
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| **9:00am - 11:00am** | State of the Black LGBTQ/SGL Community  
A Focus on the Wellness of Our Community |
| **11:15am - 12:45pm** | Workshop Session V | Concurrent Sessions |
| | Brave Education: OUT Black Educators Advancing Educational Excellence |
| | Closing the White-Black Wealth Gap, Maximizing Tools at Your Disposal |
| | Community is Action: Tenderness and Strength for Black Gay Men |
| **1:00pm - 4:00pm** | State of the Black LGBTQ/SGL Community  
A Focus on Faith and Spirituality |
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

At the Table: Black Voices in Policy & Advocacy

The National Black Justice Coalition cordially invites you to a Pre-Conference Networking Reception in honor of the 6th Annual OUT on the Hill Black LGBT Leadership Summit. Hosted by TruEvolution and sponsored by Impulse D.C., this reception—At the Table: Black Voices in Policy and Advocacy—will bring together Black LGBT activists, thought leaders, policy experts and community members for a powerful dialogue on the roles of Black LGBTQ Emerging Leaders in the areas of health policy, civic leadership and mobilization to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in our nation. Attendees will get the opportunity to hear key updates on the 2020 National HIV/AIDS Strategy from representatives of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

Discussion topics will include:
- 2020 National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) Overview
- Black LGBT Community and Youth in NHAS
- Roles of the Black LGBT Community in Shaping Health Policy
- Roles of Black LGBT Youth in NHAS Implementation

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Health and Wellness Leadership Briefing for NBJC Key Stakeholders
By Invitation Only

The National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC) invites you to a half-day briefing to discuss its newly launched Black LGBT Health & Wellness Initiative. With support from the Elton John AIDS Foundation, NBJC launched this initiative on World AIDS Day 2014 to address the current health crises and disparities in culturally competent wellness programs that impact the Black LGBT community, including the HIV epidemic. This briefing will bring together key stakeholders, including public policy advocates, leading researchers, health and wellness funders and emerging leaders.

Black LGBTQ/SGL Women’s Health and Wellness Roundtable
By Invitation Only

The National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC) invites you to a briefing to discuss the state of health and wellness for Black lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and same-gender loving (LGBTQ/SGL) women. This roundtable will bring together leading researchers, service providers, activists, emerging leaders and other key public policy stakeholders concerned with the status of health disparities and wellness programs impacting Black LGBTQ/SGL women. This roundtable will aide NBJC in developing its health and wellness footprint and advocacy agenda for this portion of the Black LGBT family.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Opening General Plenary
A Focus on the Health and Wellness of Our Community

With the support of the Elton John AIDS Foundation, the National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC) launched its Black LGBT Health & Wellness Initiative on World AIDS Day 2014 to address the current health crises and disparities in culturally competent wellness programs that impact the Black LGBT community, including the HIV epidemic. We Are Family: Building Stronger Roots Together serves as the conference theme for 6th Annual OUT on the Hill Black LGBT Leadership Summit (OOTH2015). Intentionally recognizing the power of a united Black family, NBJC will lead an informative dialogue on the state of Black LGBT people and our families, examining all branches of our “Health & Wellness” Tree: Physical, Emotional, Spiritual, Financial and Social Health.

MODERATORS
Sharon Lettman-Hicks | Executive Director/CEO, National Black Justice Coalition
Venton Jones, MSHCAD | Program Manager for LGBT Health Initiatives

PANELISTS
Linda Greer Spooner, JD, MD | President, Rising Phoenix Optimal Health PLLC
Samantha Master | African American Leadership & Engagement Specialist, Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Valerie Spencer, MSW | NBJC Leadership Advisory Council
Bishop OC Allen | Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS; Senior Pastor, Vision Church of Atlanta
Gabriel Maldonado, MBA | Member, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS; CEO, TruEvolution, Inc.

Lunch Plenary Session
A Focus on the Health and Wellness of Black Lesbian and Bisexual Cis Women
Presented by The Williams Institute

Research, public policy, and human service programs encompassing the unique experiences of Black LGBT people are limited, but what little exists tends to be driven by HIV prevention and treatment funding. Given this focus on HIV when discussing intersections of Black and sexual/gender minority communities, Black lesbian, bisexual, queer, or other sexual minority-identified cisgender women are often made further invisible. This panel was organized to highlight the shared and unique public policy and program needs among Black sexual minority-identified cis women, as well as the implications for needed empirical research to inform and test those efforts.

MODERATOR
Bianca D.M. Wilson, PhD | Rabbi Barbara Zacky Senior Scholar of Public Policy, The Williams Institute

PANELISTS
Mignon R. Moore, PhD | Professor, Barnard College-Columbia University and Faculty Affiliate, UCLA Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Research and Policy
Linda Greer Spooner, JD, MD | President, Rising Phoenix Optimal Health PLLC
Samantha Master | African American Leadership & Engagement Specialist, Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Stacey Long Simmons, Esq. | Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs, National LGBTQ Task Force
Keena Blackmon, PhD | Communications Professor Howard University & t Montgomery College
3rd Annual
The Black Institute:
Healing, Healthy and WHOLE

The Black lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) and same-gender loving (SGL) community represents a significant subset of the collective African American family. The Black Institute will offer intentional deliberation on the key drivers impacting the health and wellness of the Black LGBTQ/SQL population.

SAVE THE DATE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016
LGBT people across the country remain vulnerable to discrimination on a daily basis and too often have little recourse. In many states LGBT people still have no explicit non-discrimination protections under state or local laws. Even with marriage equality now the law of the land, the reality remains that a same gender loving couple can legally marry one day and risk being evicted from their apartment or denied credit or a loan the next – simply because of who they are. This reality of discrimination is further compounded for people living at the intersection of racial and LGBT identities. LGBT people of color experience disproportionate bias at work, school, stores and businesses, and when seeking critical programs and services including housing and healthcare.

This plenary session will survey the Equality Act, a newly introduced historic piece of federal legislation that would expand basic non-discrimination protections for LGBT and gender nonconforming people based on their actual or perceived gender identity or sexual orientation. This session will further examine the political, social and legal implications of this legislation and the efforts needed to build a movement inclusive of communities of color to see its ultimate passage.

MODERATOR
Stacey Long Simmons | Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs, National LGBTQ Task Force

PANELISTS
David C. Stacy | Government Affairs Director, Human Rights Campaign
Michele Jawando | Vice President of Legal Process, Center for American Progress
Sandy James | Trans Survey Coordinator, National Center for Transgender Equality
Mignon R. Moore, PhD | Professor, Barnard College-Columbia University and Faculty Affiliate, UCLA Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Research and Policy

Congratulations to the National Black Justice Coalition on the 6th annual OUT on the Hill Black LGBTQ Leadership Summit.
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Although the movement for LGBT equality has made tremendous strides—same-sex couples have the freedom to marry, nationwide, and an increasing number of states prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity—too many Black LGBT Americans continue to suffer in silence. Recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to show there is much work to be done to succeed in meeting the new public policy goals of newly updated National HIV/AIDS Strategy. In 2010, 13.6 percent of the nation’s population was Black, yet in that same year, CDC’s HIV incidence data reported that Black Americans represented 44 percent of new HIV infections.

This plenary session will bring together a panel of experts and thought leaders to discuss the critical challenges in the fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic, including: the updated National HIV/AIDS Strategy; HIV criminalization; Ryan White CARE Act Reauthorization; the federal budget and appropriations process; biomedical prevention tools (PrEP and TASP); and the importance of culturally competent health care settings. Join us and be a part of the next steps to ending HIV/AIDS in the Black LGBT community.

MODERATOR
Gregorio A. Millett, MPH  |  Vice President for Public Policy, amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research
Co-Chair, NBJC Health and Wellness Leadership Advisory Council

PANELISTS
Cornelius Baker  |  Senior Policy Advisor, National Black Gay Men’s Advocacy Coalition
Gabriel Maldonado, MBA  |  Member, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS; CEO, TruEvolution, Inc.
DaShawn Usher  |  Chair, Young Black Gay Men’s Leadership Initiative
Mariah Lopez  |  Executive Director, Strategic Trans Alliance for Radical Reform or STARR
Justin Rush  |  Nicholas A. Rango Fellow on the Health Equity Team, NASTAD
Marsha Martin  |  Director, Policy and Partnerships, UCHAPS
MISSION

Trans People of Color Coalition exists to advance justice for all trans people of color. We amplify our stories, support our leadership, and challenge issues of racism, transphobia, and transmisogyny.

VISION

Trans People of Color Coalition envisions a world where trans people of color can live and work in safety, where health and economic equity are basic rights, and we are celebrated for our visibility and leadership in our workplaces, homes and communities.

VALUES

- We believe in the value of balance of self, health and wellness as a critical component of building community.
- We value uplifting and supporting those in the greatest need in all of our communities, regardless of size, density, access to services/programs, including tribal and non-tribal locations.
- We believe change and growth depend on our ability to build strong relationships based upon compassion and respect.
- We believe that all politics is local.
- We believe that centering our work with local trans activists of color and organizations will result in positive national and global impact.
- We support and honor other communities’ civil rights struggles that have paved the way for our movement.
- We value and work for full human rights and self-determination for all people.
- We believe that individual disclosure status should not impact ones contributions toward building a more diverse and inclusive trans community.
- We honor our rich cultures and political heritages, and seek to leverage them toward building economic, social and political power for all trans people of color.
- We respect our self-determination and resilience. We exist across all sexual and affectional orientations.
The first brick thrown in the Stonewall riots of 1969 symbolically ignited an entire movement for LGBT justice. The courageous acts of (s)heroes like Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera and Miss Major Griffin-Gracy—to name a few—at the historic Stonewall riots, set the brightest examples of how to authentically live life to the fullest, while also demanding to be treated equally and with dignity. However, trans women of color have been and continue to be the most marginalized part of the LGBT family. In 2015, there have been a record number of trans women murdered—with a majority of the reported 19 murders being Black trans women. In addition to physical violence, trans women of color continue to be disproportionately unemployed, uninsured, targets of police violence and represent a significant amount of those battling HIV/AIDS in our nation. This lunch plenary session will focus on the plight of trans women of color and the road ahead to build a brighter future for this segment of our family. Co-hosted by NBJC and TPOCC with a featured presentation from the United States Department of Justice.

MODERATOR
Valerie Spencer, MSW | NBJC Leadership Advisory Council

PANELISTS
Monica Roberts | Founder & Editor, TransGriot; Board Member of TPOCC
Angelica Ross | Founder and CEO, TransTech Social Enterprises
Mariah Lopez | Executive Director, Strategic Trans Alliance for Radical Reform or STARR
Lourdes Ashley Hunter, MPA | Chief Operations Officer, Casa Ruby LGBT Center; Co-Founder/National Director, Trans Women of Color Collective

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Thank you for making the 6th Annual OUT on the Hill Black LGBT Leadership Summit a success! We are grateful for your love, support and inspiration over the years to keep us motivated to do the work of justice on behalf of our community.
Black LGBTQ and same-gender loving (SGL) people too often face harsh realities that are directly connected to their racial and LGBTQ/SGL identities. Heightened health disparities, disproportionate impact of the criminal justice system on their lives and the lack of employment opportunities are just a few of the challenges that define many of the lived experiences of Black LGBTQ/SGL people. As #BlackLivesMatter has galvanized the entire country to address the systemic and implicit racism that has historically permeated the lives of Black people, this plenary session will focus on the state of wellness for Black LGBTQ/SGL people in the current era of national consciousness regarding the value of Black lives.

This dynamic panel will lay the foundation of what efforts are essential to improve the collective and individual wellness of Black LGBTQ/SGL people and their families.

MODERATOR
Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington | President/Founder, Washington Consulting Group

PANELISTS
Valerie Spencer, MSW | NBJC Leadership Advisory Council
Dr. Cleo Manago | CEO/Founder and President, Black Men’s Xchange National, Inc.
Faith Cheltenham | President, BiNet USA; Founder/President, #bipoc
Tim’m West | Senior Managing Director, LGBTQ Community Initiative, Teach for America,
Rayceen Pendarvis | Activist, and host of “The Ask Rayceen Show”
Geneva Musgrave | Diversity & Inclusion Program Educator, Lambda Legal

“I am a best friend, a poet, and a cook.
And I am living with HIV.”

Antron (right) has lived with HIV since 2004.

Let’s stop HIV together.
The Ms. Foundation for Women proudly supports the Sixth Annual Out on the Hill Black LGBT Leadership Summit
The church has historically served as the center for the pursuit of justice in the African American community. From the sufferings of slavery to the triumphs of the Civil Rights Movement, it has been the church and faith traditions that have supplied the Black family with a hope to pursue another fight for a better day. However, for Black LGBT people, the pursuit of faith is often a serious challenge rooted in shame and fear, causing an intense level of emotional hardship.

In this plenary session the focus will be rooted in analyzing the status of Black LGBT people in relationship with the traditional Black church. In addition, the session will examine current public policy issues impacting communities of faith including marriage equality and the new movements in states to protect religious freedom. The mission of the session is to provide strategies for building a 21st Century Black faith community, inclusive of Black LGBT people.

MODERATOR

Bishop OC Allen | Senior Pastor, Vision Church of Atlanta

PANELISTS

Bishop Allyson Abrams | Pastor of Empowerment Liberation Cathedral
Minister Verdel Wright | Howard University and Lincoln Temple UCC
Rev. Anthony Sullivan | Pastor of Development and Outreach, God Can Ministries UCC
Rev. Rodney McKenzie, Jr. | Faith Work Director, National LGBTQ Task Force
Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington | Chair, Many Voices

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SUMMIT PRESENTERS

We offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our presenters for their excellent contributions to the 6th Annual OUT on the Hill Black LGBT Leadership Summit. Their leadership, insights and efforts were an indispensable part of making the summit a success.

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