Kelly Miller Smith
Institute on Black Church Studies

Vanderbilt Divinity School
presents
National Black Church Studies Consultation:
Preparing Prophets & Priests for the Black Church Tradition in the Twenty-First Century

January 31 – February 2, 2007
Theological Break: A Prophetic Response to Black Youth Violence

Panel for Students, Vanderbilt University
10:30–11:30 a.m. Audience Dialogue

Consultation Schedule

Wednesday, January 31
Vanderbilt Divinity School Hospitality
1:00 p.m. Wednesday
Governors Conference Room, Five of the Vanderbilt Divinity School
Daniel W. Moser, Dean of the
Billy Miller Miller Institute for Black Church Studies
Ayanna Abi-Khuzam, Dean, Candler School of Theology
1:30 p.m. Woven by Rodney Mitchell
2:00 p.m. Reception
Bolivar Henry and family Mitchell

Thursday, February 1
Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center
9:30 a.m. Opening Statements
Archbishop Wilbert P. Brown, Dean of the Vanderbilt Divinity School
Dana A. Ward, D.D., Director of the Billy Miller Miller Institute for Black Church Studies
9:45–10:30 a.m. Panel: Leadership Agency, Power, and Constructive in the Black Church
Teresa D. Harris, Emory University
Ayanna Abi-Khuzam, Candler School of Theology
Bishop J. D. Tolbert
10:00–10:30 a.m. Uniting Black Charisma
Emory University
Ayanna Abi-Khuzam
11:00–11:30 a.m. Audience Dialogue
Lunch
12:45–1:15 p.m. Black Theology and Liberation Praxis
First Class, Plan 9 Building, Vanderbilt University
Ayanna Abi-Khuzam
1:20–1:30 p.m. The Black Church Constructing the Post-Industrial Church: Using the Black Church as a Tool of Change
University of Chicago
Ayanna Abi-Khuzam
1:35–2:05 p.m. Black Churches and Public Policy
First Class, Plan 9 Building, Vanderbilt University
Beau Wigger-Hogan
2:10–2:35 p.m. Audience Dialogue
Break
2:35–3:05 p.m. Rhetorization for Social Justice Preaching
First Class, Plan 9 Building, Vanderbilt University
Ayanna Abi-Khuzam
3:10–3:40 p.m. Black Church & Librarianship
Vanderbilt Divinity School
Mandy Johnson
4:00–4:30 p.m. Audience Dialogue

Friday, February 2
Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center
1:30–2:30 p.m. Theological Break: A Prophetic Response to Black Youth Violence

Consultation Rationale

Black Church Studies programs at historically black colleges and universities have been operating in the United States since 1957, when the National Association of Negro Colleges established the Black Theological Studies Workshop. Over the years, these programs have played a critical role in training and networking black church leaders, providing theological education for pastors, and preparing theologians and scholars to serve in black churches.

The National Black Church Studies Consultation is co-sponsored by the Program in Black Church Studies of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

The conference is free and open to the public.

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