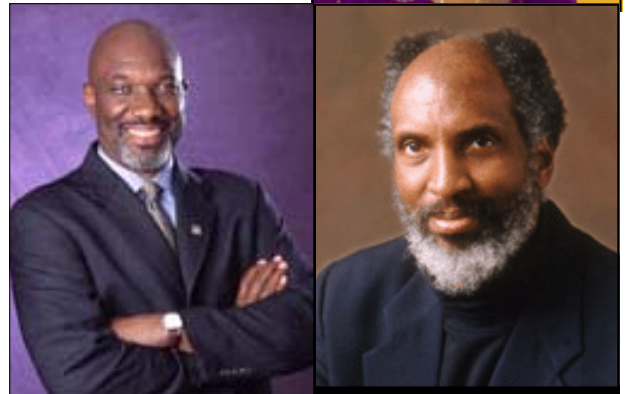




“UNITING FOR POWER”



**Building
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Coalitions for Change**



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**GAMALIEL
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LEADERSHIP COMMISSION
JUNE CONFERENCE
JUNE 21-22, 2007
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**





Welcome from the AALC 2007 June Conference Convener

Greetings AALC Participants!

Welcome to the 5th AALC June Conference. I welcome you to Pittsburgh, the city of bridges and the city where three rivers meet. This year's planning committee has worked hard to insure that you will have an enjoyable experience, witness a wonderful display of national leaders, and participate in a powerful event. We are delighted to have among us some of the brightest, most powerful and influential people in this country sharing their knowledge and experience. I want to thank Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., our keynote speaker, Dr. Iva E. Carruthers, Mr. Gerald Hudson, Dr. Manuel Pastor and Professor John Powell for joining us to inspire, teach and agitate us toward **Uniting for Power**.

It is my desire that when these two days are over, that the African-American leadership in Pittsburgh will have the beginnings of a tactical plan that will change the landscape of the city of Pittsburgh and its surrounding region. I hope that when you leave, you will also have a plan for your cities so that collectively, we can make sure that this country will undergo an unprecedented cosmetic surgery in the 2008 presidential election.

We are gathered here in the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr., who began his public ministry by reading from the words of the prophet Isaiah: *"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, and to proclaim the Lord's year of favor."*

We are clergy and leaders from all over the country representing African American communities where many are poor, sick and behind bars. It is our task to heal and liberate our people and, in so doing, heal the nation. The impact of urban sprawl affects us all, but it affects communities of color more than others. Declining cities and school systems, poor housing and inadequate health systems have devastated communities of color. We will all be helped, healed and saved if we focus on the plight of those caught in the inner city and build organizations to address these conditions. Let us accept our calling and proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. May this gathering send us out energized and inspired to preach and act on the **Good News!**

Again, welcome and enjoy your time in Pittsburgh.

Rev. John C. Welch
President, Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network

Featured speakers for the AALC 2007 June Conference



Reverend Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. became pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ (TUCC) on March 1, 1972. Within a matter of months he demonstrated an understanding and deep commitment to help TUCC achieve its motto and vision. The motto, "Unashamedly Black and Unapologetically Christian," was officially adopted by the congregation shortly after Pastor Wright began his ministry.

Trinity United Church of Christ's membership currently exceeds 8,000 and in May 1997 a new 2,700 seat worship center was dedicated. The membership continues to grow numerically and spiritually with large numbers of members tithing and participating in bible classes. Over 70 ministries are offered to enhance our Christian journey.

Pastor Wright holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary, a Master's Degree from Howard University, an additional Master's Degree from the University of Chicago Divinity School and seven honorary doctorate degrees. He has lectured at many seminaries and universities in the nation, and has represented Trinity and The United Church of Christ around the world. He is recognized as a leading theologian and pastor and has published four books and numerous articles.



Dr. Manuel Pastor is Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies and Co-Director of the Center for Justice, Tolerance, and Community at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He has received grants and fellowships from the Irvine Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Hewlett Foundation, the Kellogg Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, and many others.

Dr. Pastor's most recent book, co-authored with Chris Benner and Laura Leete, is titled Staircases or Treadmills: Labor Market Intermediaries and Economic Opportunity in a Changing Economy (Russell Sage, 2007). He co-authored with Angela Glover Blackwell and Stewart Kwoh, a book entitled Searching for the Uncommon Common Ground: New Dimensions on Race in America (W.W. Norton, 2002). He also co-authored with Peter Dreier, Eugene Grigsby, and Marta Lopez-Garza Regions That Work: How Cities and Suburbs Can Grow Together (University of Minnesota Press, 2000), a book that has become a reference for those seeking to better link community and regional development.

Dr. Pastor speaks frequently on issues of demographic change, economic inequality, and community empowerment and has contributed opinion pieces to such outlets as the Los Angeles Times, the San Jose Mercury News, and the Christian Science Monitor. He served as a member of the Commission on Regions appointed by California's Speaker of the State Assembly, and in January 2002 was awarded a Civic Entrepreneur of the Year award from the California Center for Regional Leadership.



Dr. Iva E. Carruthers is General Secretary of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Inc., founded to strengthen the capacity of the African American faith community and its leaders to address the social justice agenda in the Black church. The Proctor Conference represents a cross section of the most dynamic and progressive African American faith leaders and their congregations in the United States. She is co-editor of The Breach: Bearing Witness, a report of the Katrina National Justice Commission, SDPC, Inc.

She has had an active academic life and ministry in the areas of justice and social policy. She is Founder and Director of Lois House, an urban retreat center, a Trustee for the Chicago Theological Seminary and an active member of Trinity United Church of Christ. She is Professor Emeritus and former Chairperson of the Sociology Department at Northeastern Illinois University. She has consulted and lectured extensively in the U.S. and throughout Africa and the Diaspora. She served as Executive Director of the Black Theology Project. An author of many publications in several fields, her publication, The Church and Reparations: An African American Perspective, was distributed by her denomination in several languages at the

2001 U.N. World Conference Against Racism.

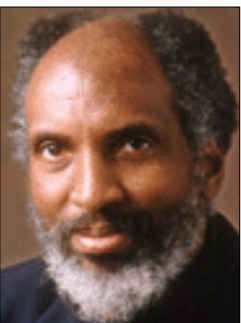
She received the Ph.D. in Sociology from Northwestern University and a Master in Theological Studies degree from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary.



Mr. Gerald "Gerry" Hudson, as one of the nation's leading labor leaders for the past 15 years, has had a wide-ranging impact on the fight to improve the lives of working families. Since June 2004, he has served as Executive Vice President of SEIU. He leads the work of the union's Long Term Care Division, which represents nearly 500,000 nursing home and home care workers nationwide. Through new strategies, alliances, and campaigns, SEIU long term care workers are building a powerful workplace and political voice for themselves and for the elderly and disabled consumers they serve. Hudson also is helping lead SEIU's efforts to win quality, affordable health care for all, immigration reform, and other major initiatives by strengthening the union's partnerships and alliances with community groups.

Hudson was working at the Hebrew Home for the Aged in Riverdale, N.Y., when he joined SEIU Local 144 in 1978. He went to work at then-District 1199 in 1986 as the union's education director; he was elected to the local's executive vice president position three years later. For more than a dozen years, he supervised 1199 New York's political action, education, publications, and cultural affairs departments.

Hudson also has had an extensive career in politics. He not only led the presidential campaign of Jesse Jackson in New York and the successful New York City mayoral campaign of David Dinkins, he also served as deputy director of the Mario Cuomo for Governor campaign in 1994. While Cuomo himself was not re-elected governor, Gerry's leadership was instrumental in electing H. Carl McCall, the first African American controller in New York state. In 1996, Hudson served as political director of the New York state Democratic Party.



Professor John A. Powell is an internationally recognized authority in the areas of civil rights, civil liberties, and issues relating to race, ethnicity, poverty and the law. He is the executive director of the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at the Ohio State University. He also holds the Williams Chair in Civil Rights & Civil Liberties at the Moritz College of Law.

He has written extensively on structural racism, racial justice and regionalism, concentrated poverty and urban sprawl, opportunity-based housing, voting rights, affirmative action in the United States, South Africa and Brazil, racial and ethnic identity, spirituality and social justice, and the needs of citizens in a democratic society.

Professor Powell founded and directed the Institute on Race and Poverty at the University of Minnesota. He was Director of Legal Services in Miami, Florida, and National Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, where he was instrumental in developing educational adequacy theory.

He has worked and lived in Africa where he was a consultant to the governments of Mozambique and South Africa. He has also lived and worked in India and done work in South America and Europe. He is one of the co-founders of the Poverty & Race Research Action Council and serves on the board of several national organizations. Professor Powell has taught at numerous law schools including Harvard and Columbia University. He is one of four Gamaliel Foundation Strategic Partners who consult on Metro Equity initiatives.

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PROGRAM

Thursday, June 21st

9:00 AM	Registration Coffee and 1-1's		Ballroom Foyer
	OPENING LUNCHEON		Oak/Birch
10:45	Prelude & Praise	Evangelist Denise Jamerson, CALL	
11:00	Call to Order, Welcome	Rev. John Welch, Convener President, PIIN Vice President for Student Affairs Pittsburgh Theological Seminary	
	"Lift Every Voice and Sing"	Evangelist Denise Jamerson, CALL	Page 6
11:05	Invocation	Rev. DeNeise Welch, PIIN Bidwell Presbyterian Church Pittsburgh, PA	
		Lunch is served	
	Musical Selection		
11:30	Introduction of Keynote	Dr. Ann Smith President, Gamaliel Foundation	
	<i>Inspirational Message</i>	Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright, Jr. Sr. Pastor, Trinity United Church of Christ Chicago, IL	
	Musical Selection		
	PLENARY I		North/South Room
12:45 PM	<i>Framing AALC 2007: "Uniting for Power"</i>	Rev. John Welch	
1:00	<i>Uniting Black & Brown</i>	Prof. Manuel Pastor, Director Center for Justice, Tolerance, and Community University of California, Santa Cruz	
2:00	<i>Organizing for Unity</i>	Mr. Dushaw Hockett Immigration Team Organizer Center for Community Change Washington, D.C.	
2:15	Break	Refreshments	Ballroom Foyer
2:30	Workshop I		Rooms: Ohio, Monongahela, and Interstate
	PLENARY II		North/South Room
4:00	Introduction of Speaker	Dr. Ann Smith	
	<i>Uniting Congregations for Preparedness</i>	Dr. Iva E. Carruthers General Secretary Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference Chicago, IL	
5:15	Break		

6:00	Barbeque Dinner	1-1's on the Patio	Courtyard
7:30	Business Meeting	AALC Members Only	Duquesne
8:30	Gamaliel Assessment Process Conversation	Prof. john powell Kirwan Institute, OSU	North/South Room

Friday, June 22nd

Prayer Breakfast

Oak/Birch

7:45 AM	Prelude & Praise		
8:00	Inspirational Leader	Rev. Bobby Love, MORE ² Pastor, Second Baptist Church of Olathe Olathe, KS	

PLENARY III

North/South Room

9:00	Introduction of Speaker <i>Uniting to Win With Unions</i>	Rev. Bobby Love Mr. Gerald Hudson International Executive Vice President, SEIU Washington, D.C.	
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10:00 Workshop II Rooms: Ohio, Monongahela, and Interstate

11:00	Introduction of Speaker	Rev. William Wyne, Jr., JONAH Senior Pastor, Second Missionary Baptist Church Battle Creek, MI	
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Uniting Our Platform for Power

Prof. john powell, Executive Director
Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity
at Ohio State University
Columbus, OH

STATE CAUCUS LUNCHEON

Oak/Birch

12:00 Noon	Call to Order	Rev. John Welch	
12:20	Organizing State Caucuses	Rev. Mark Lomax, ABLE Pastor, First Afrikan Presbyterian Church Lithonia, GA	
	Prayer	Rev. Karen Battle, PIIN Director, Justice Ministries & Mission Pittsburgh Presbytery	

Lunch is Served

State Caucuses Meet During Luncheon

PLENARY V

North/South Room

1:30 PM	<i>Uniting Coalitions</i> <i>Lessons Learned in MCU, St. Louis, MO; CALL, Erie, PA; E.H.R., Norfolk, VA</i>	Prof. john powell, Panel Discussion Moderator	
2:30	<i>Covenanting for Unity</i>	Rev. Kevin Turman, MOSES Pastor, Second Baptist Church Detroit, MI	
3:00	Closing Charge	Rev. John Welch	
3:15	Evaluation	Ms. Angela James, E.H.R.	
	Closing Prayer	Rev. Daniel Cunningham, ISAAC Pastor, Greater Faith Empowerment Center Kalamazoo, MI	

3:30 PM Adjournment

Lift ev'ry voice and sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
'Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaugh-
tered,
Out from the gloomy past,
'Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

Words: James W. Johnson; Music: John R. Johnson

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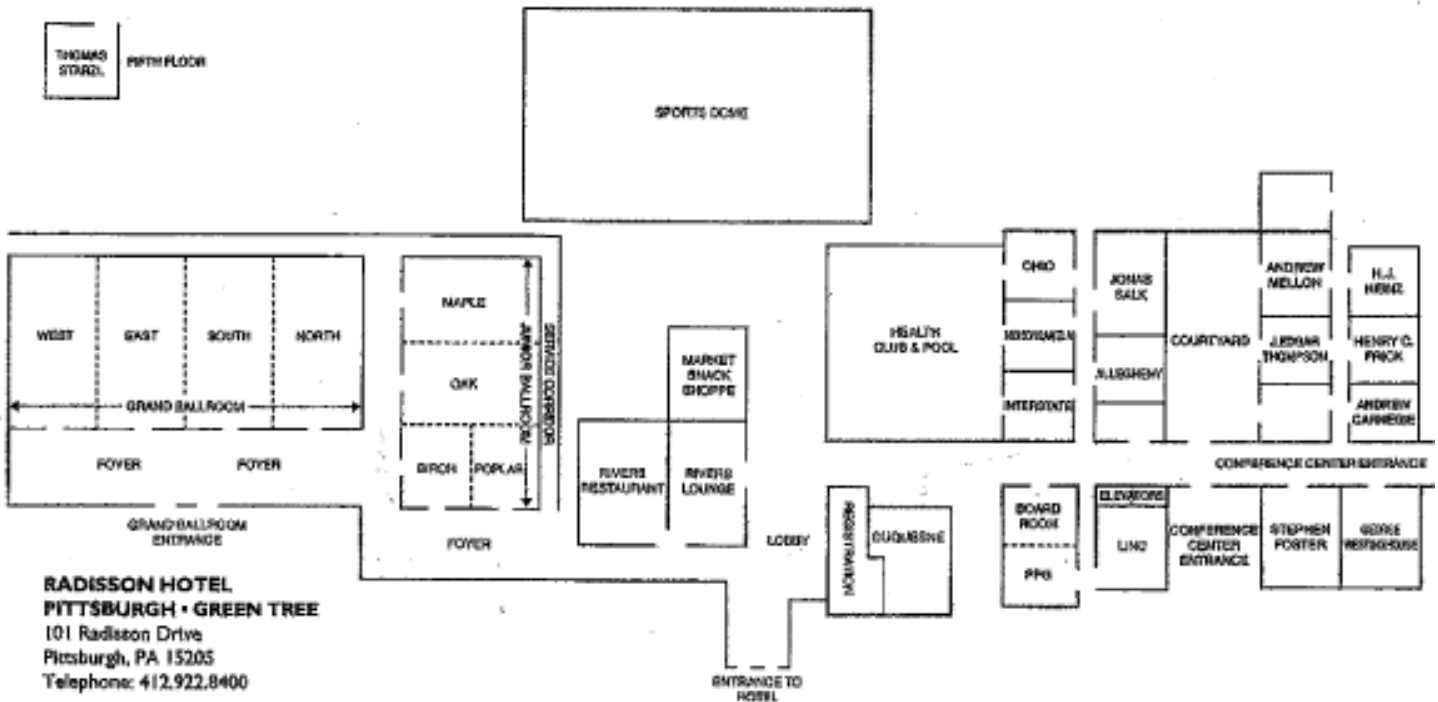
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International Leadership Assembly, November 29-December 1, 2007 - Davenport, IA

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