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Message from Dean Harden

We are thrilled to welcome ministers, faith leaders, and community advocates from across the region to the 2026 Shaw University Divinity School Ministers Conference! This gathering is a time for fellowship, worship, and shared learning—an opportunity to connect, grow, and be inspired alongside peers who are committed to advancing ministry and service. I encourage you to register and join us as we celebrate faith, leadership, and the future of our church communities together.



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<https://www.shawu.edu/annual-ministers-conference/>

2026 SHAW UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Be inspired, renewed, and empowered at the 2026 Shaw University Divinity School Ministers Conference — a transformative gathering bringing together pastors, ministers, educators, and community leaders from across the nation. Experience powerful worship, dynamic leadership development, and meaningful dialogue rooted in the theme (Amos 5:24)

Why Attend:

- Experience powerful worship, reflection, and spiritual renewal
- Build meaningful relationships with pastors, ministers, and faith leaders
- Engage in dynamic leadership development workshops and interactive sessions
- Gain practical tools to strengthen ministry effectiveness and community engagement
- Celebrate and advance the mission and vision of Shaw University Divinity School

“Let Justice Flow Like a Mighty River.”

Plan ahead and mark your calendars! This is more than a conference—it is a sacred gathering designed to inspire, equip, and energize ministry leaders for impactful service.

Register today!!!

**<https://www.shawu.edu/annual-ministers-conference/>
or Scan the QR code!**



April 15th - 17th

MEET OUR INSPIRING SPEAKERS

We are excited to introduce an inspiring lineup of speakers for the 2026 Shaw University Divinity School Ministers Conference. This year's presenters bring together powerful ministry, academic excellence, and innovative leadership to equip, encourage, and empower faith and community leaders for transformative impact.



REVEREND, DR. LESLIE D. CALLAHAM

Reverend Dr. Leslie D. Callaham is a trailblazing leader and scholar, serving as the first female pastor of St. Paul's Baptist Church. She is also a distinguished professor and researcher, specializing in U.S. religious history, African American Christianity, and Pentecostal Studies. Dr. Callaham brings a rare combination of scholarly insight, inspiring leadership, and a unique historical perspective, making her a powerful voice in both the academy and the faith community.



REVEREND, DR. JUSTIN LESTER

Reverend Dr. Justin Lester is a visionary pastor, author, and educator, as well as the creator of PastorGPT and founder of TheoXTech. A leading innovator in AI platforms for pastors and churches, he brings cutting-edge technology into ministry practice. Dr. Lester will share practical strategies for modern ministry and tech-driven faith leadership, equipping leaders to engage their congregations effectively in today's digital and faith-centered landscape.



DR. MICAH MCCREARY

Dr. Micah McCreary is a distinguished author and thought leader, serving on the boards of Salvation and Social Justice and Carrier Pigeon Post, and is the former President of New Brunswick Theological Seminary. With deep expertise in theological education and social justice initiatives, Dr. McCreary brings a wealth of knowledge and practical insight to empower leaders in faith, ministry, and community transformation.



REVEREND, DR. JAMES C. PERKINS

Reverend Dr. James C. Perkins is an accomplished author, minister, professor, and NAACP National Board member, bringing a dynamic perspective on leadership, advocacy, and faith in action. His work bridges scholarship, ministry, and civic engagement, inspiring leaders to serve their communities with purpose, justice, and transformative impact.

MEET OUR INSPIRING SPEAKERS CONT.



REVEREND, DR. JACQUELINE MADISON-MCCREARY

Reverend Dr. Jacqueline Madison-McCreary serves as the Revitalization Diversity Resource Minister for the Classis of New Brunswick, bringing extensive expertise in church revitalization, diversity, and community engagement. She shares practical strategies that empower faith leaders to foster inclusive congregations, strengthen community ties, and drive meaningful transformation within their ministries.

BANQUET KEYNOTE & MUSICAL GUEST

DR. EDDIE GLAUDE, JR.



Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr. is a New York Times bestselling author and the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor at Princeton University. Renowned for his scholarship on African American history, culture, and social justice, Dr. Glaude brings profound insight into faith, leadership, and the pursuit of equity, inspiring audiences to engage critically and act boldly in their communities.



REVEREND DR. DARIUS BROOKS

Reverend Dr. Darius Brooks is a Stellar Award-winning singer and songwriter, celebrated for his powerful contributions to gospel music and worship leadership. His artistry inspires and uplifts, blending spiritual depth with musical excellence to engage and transform audiences through faith-filled expression.

2026 Shaw University Divinity School Annual Ministers Conference

REGISTRATION & PRICING GUIDE

Join us for the impactful Annual Shaw University Ministers' Conference, featuring dynamic speakers, workshops, worship, and fellowship aimed at empowering ministry leaders. Registration options are available to suit your needs.

FULL MINISTERS CONFERENCE PACKAGE **\$625**

Includes:

- Liberation Forum Luncheons & Dinners (Wednesday–Friday)
- Liberation Forum Banquet
- Conference sessions
- Special Ministers Conference T-shirt
- Customized Shaw University Divinity Gift Bag

 **This package offers the most complete and immersive conference experience.**

CONFERENCE SESSIONS ONLY **\$125**

Includes both days + gift bag.

 Residence Inn – Downtown Raleigh

Perfect for those who want focused access to workshops, speakers, and leadership training.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE PACKAGE – STANDARD **\$500**

Includes all the benefits of the Full Conference Experience, excluding access to conference sessions.

 **LIBERATION FORUM –
LUNCHEONS & DINNER OPTIONS**

 Estey Hall – Shaw University Campus
Full Forum Package (All 3 days + banquet):
\$325

Wednesday Dinner: \$125
Thursday Dinner: \$125
Friday Luncheon: \$125

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LIBERATION FORUM BANQUET **\$325**

Includes:
Forum Sessions + Dinners/Luncheon

The Shaw Divinity Ministers Conference is more than an event—it is a sacred gathering designed to refresh your spirit, sharpen your leadership, expand your network, and renew your commitment to God's call.

We look forward to welcoming you to Raleigh for a life-giving and transformative experience!

 Scan the QR code to register

 Register Today: <https://www.shawu.edu/annual-ministers-conference/>

Partner With Purpose



BECOME A SPONSOR OF THE 2026 SHAW UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL ANNUAL MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Shaw University Divinity School Annual Ministers Conference is a sacred gathering for pastors, ministry leaders, and faith-based innovators to grow and connect. Organizations, churches, and businesses are invited to become official sponsors of this transformative event.

By becoming a sponsor, your organization will:

- Gain direct exposure to a diverse network of clergy and ministry leaders
- Strengthen brand visibility among faith-based influencers and decision-makers
- Demonstrate your commitment to theological education and community impact
- Build authentic relationships within a trusted ministry network
- Align your mission with one of the nation's historic Divinity institutions



YOUR PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY INNOVATION, AND THE CONTINUED LEGACY OF SHAW UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL.

Sponsorship Opportunities Include:

- Vendor and exhibitor access
- Brand placement and promotional visibility
- Engagement during conference events
- Opportunities to share resources and services directly with attendees
- Customized partnership options based on organizational goals



Make an Impact

When you sponsor the Annual Ministers Conference, you are not simply supporting an event — you are investing in leaders who serve congregations, communities, and institutions across the nation.

Join us in equipping those who equip others.

🔗 Explore Sponsorship Opportunities &
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<https://www.shawu.edu/amc/sponsor/>

**For questions or to discuss a customized partnership package, please contact Kevin Bradley,
Director of Donor Relations & Strategic Partnerships
kevin.bradley@shawu.edu**

SUPPORT THE NEXT GENERATION OF FAITH LEADERS



Your generosity helps empower and educate the ministers of tomorrow. By donating to Shaw University Divinity School, you directly support our students' academic and spiritual growth, preparing them to lead with faith, integrity, and purpose in churches and communities nationwide.

Even if you are unable to attend the 2026 Ministers Conference, you can still make an impact. Every contribution ensures that Shaw Divinity continues to nurture future leaders, provide scholarships, and offer transformative learning experiences.

Donate Today: <https://www.shawu.edu/giving/>

Important: Please make sure to designate your gift to Shaw University Divinity School to ensure it directly supports our students and programs.

Thank you for joining us in shaping the future of ministry and making a lasting difference in the lives of our students.



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Upcoming SUDS Events & Announcements

1. **JOHN MENDEZ SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP** [APPLY NOW](#)

The **John Mendez Divinity School Scholarship** is established by Emmanuel Baptist Church to provide financial assistance to a student enrolled in the Divinity School Master's Program and to honor Dr. John Mendez, former pastor and Shaw University alumni. Dr. Elva J. Jones, Scholarship Ministry Chairperson
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