



THE NATIONAL BLACK RELIGIOUS  
Summit Eleven on Sexuality™

# Breaking the Silence: Why the Church?

July 11 – 13, 2007

at the Howard University School of Divinity  
1400 Shepherd Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017

Religious  
Coalition  
*for* Reproductive  
Choice

BREAKING THE SILENCE

Dear Friends,

Looking back over the past eleven years, it is rewarding to see how much progress has been made through the Black Church Initiative in addressing the issues of sexuality. As we gather this year, it is time to look back and reexamine the rationale that gave impetus to this movement. Our theme this year is "Breaking the Silence: Why the Church?"



When I first conceived the idea to address the pressing concerns about reducing teen pregnancy, my first thought was the black church. As you may know, the teen pregnancy rate from 1964 to 1990 had increased almost 700%. This increase in the teen pregnancy rate caused great dysfunction in our community by fueling the drug culture and causing more of our young people to be caught up in the criminal justice system. This, along with the increase in poverty, cried out for action. The alarming rate of HIV/AIDS in the community also caused us to ask others to join this call to action.

With these staggering problems, where should we turn for resolution? Our schools had not addressed these problems. Our social agencies were swamped with other problems. Our families were unprepared to provide direction. When we look at the history of our race, it is clear that the greatest institution for social change has been the black church. During the late nineteenth century, it was the black church that established the many schools and colleges for our people. The black church served as the social welfare agency in our community. Before organizations such as the NAACP and the Urban League were established, it was the church that provided leadership in the community. During the 1950's, the Civil Rights Movement was born in a black church in Montgomery, Alabama which provided leadership through the revered Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This brief historical background demonstrates how the church has been in the forefront of the social changes in the black community.

Therefore, when we pondered how to approach these problems in our community, we turned once again to the institution which has been our strength in our pilgrimage as a people. Since the beginning of the National Black Religious Summit on Sexuality, we have seen churches taking the lead in educating and empowering their people by "breaking the silence" on issues of sexuality.

This year's summit promises to be one of the most dynamic we have ever had. Our speakers have demonstrated their ability to provide not only inspiration but information to build a stronger community. Please inform your friends about this important summit and especially young people who will profit greatly from this opportunity. We are looking forward to seeing you in July.

Peace and Blessings,

Rev. Carlton Veazey

President & CEO

Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

## Invited Speakers



**Reverend John Kinney, Ph.D.**  
Richmond, Virginia

**Reverend Cedric Harmon**  
Washington, DC

**Reverend Kenneth L. Samuel, DMin**  
Stone Mountain, GA

**Reverend Edwin C. Sanders, II**  
Nashville, TN

**Reverend Madison Shockley**  
Carlsbad, CA

**Reverend Stacey L. Edwards**  
Chicago, Illinois

**Reverend Kenneth King**  
Washington, DC

**Audrey Chapman**  
Washington, DC



**Reverend Edwin Clifton Sanders, II**  
Nashville, Tennessee

**Reverend Jacqui Lewis**  
New York, NY

**Reverend Stephen Pogue**  
New York, New York

**Reverend Bruce Rivera**  
New York, New York

**Reverend Kelvin Calloway**  
Los Angeles, CA

**Reverend Sharon Ellis Ph. D.**  
Chicago, IL

**Reverend Evelyn Perez**  
New York, NY

**Reverend Karl White**  
Roswell, GA



**Bishop Yvette Flunder, Ph.D.**  
San Francisco, CA

**Dr. Kevin Washington**  
Winter Park, FL

**Dr. Carmelita Grady**  
Washington, DC

**Reverend Anthony Hollins, M.Div.**  
Chicago, IL

**Minister Kim Bookard**  
Washington, DC

**Jatrice Martel Gaiter**  
Planned Parenthood Metro Washington

**Metro Teen AIDS**  
Washington, DC

## Registration Information

### Meals

The Summit registration fee covers the cost of 3 continental breakfasts, 3 luncheons and the July 10 President's 11th Anniversary Reception at the Washington Plaza Hotel, Washington, DC. Special dietary needs must be forwarded to the Summit Coordinator by June 15, 2007.

### Registration

The registration fee is \$75.00 for adults and \$40.00 for youth. One day only registration including meals is \$40.00. Registration covers the cost of the meals described above, as well as all Summit material. Please make your check or money order payable to the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice and mail to RCRC, 1025 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 1130, Washington, DC 20005. Space at the Summit is extremely limited and pre-registration is strongly recommended.

### Ground Transportation

The Religious Coalition will provide a free shuttle service in the morning from the Washington Plaza Hotel, Washington DC to Howard University School of Divinity and a return service. Information on public transportation to the School of Divinity is available on request and included in pre-registration confirmation information.

### Host Site

All adult sessions of the historic National Black Religious Summit 11 on Sexuality will be held at and hosted by Howard University School of Divinity, 1400 Shepherd Street, NE, Washington, DC. The "Keeping It Real!" Teen Leadership Institute on Sexuality will be held at Michigan Park Christian Church, 1600 Taylor Street, NE, Washington, DC.

### Media and Taping

The Religious Coalition has commissioned photographers and videographers to help record and document the proceedings for information and educational purposes. Please note they will attend all events. Your registration serves as your approval to be photographed and taped.

### Lodging and Parking

Individual Summit participants must make their own lodging arrangements by June 9, 2007, at the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, Washington, DC. For reservations please call 202 842-1300 or 800-842-1300. You must mention the Religious Coalition, code 6016, in order to get the Summit rate of \$159.00 per night for single, double occupancy and \$169.00 per night for triple or quad occupancy. Daily parking is available at a rate of \$20.00 for

self parking and \$23.00 for valet parking. Information for bus parking is available on request and included in registration confirmation information.

### For More Information

Please contact: Summit Registration at 202-628-7700 ext. 28 or by email at [summitinfo@rcrc.org](mailto:summitinfo@rcrc.org). You may also visit our website at [www.bci-rcrc.org](http://www.bci-rcrc.org) to learn more about the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, the National Black Religious Summit on Sexuality, and the National Black Church Initiative.

### Disclaimer

The wealth of views, opinions, and perspectives expressed during worship, workshops, and plenary sessions by invited speakers and participants do not necessarily reflect those of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, its state affiliates, member organizations, or the National Black Church Initiative. In the spirit of fellowship, and in respect of the diversity and richness of African American faith communities and traditions, it is important to remember that the National Black Religious Summit on Sexuality is a forum for reflection, discovery and real dialogue. The Religious Coalition remains committed, through its National Black Church Initiative, to faithfully, prayerfully breaking the silence on issues related to sex, sexuality, and religion.

## Adult Track

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Registration (Reeves Room)
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service: Speaker - TBA
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Sessions
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch
1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Reflections
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Plenary Session: Audrey Chapman, Ph.D Richmond, Virginia
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Announcements The National Black Anthem and Benediction
8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	“Keeping It Real!” Teens Talent Time Washington Plaza Hotel Washington, DC

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

### Adult Break Out Sessions

#### Session 1: No Longer Dying: Living with Accountability

African Americans account for the overwhelming majority of persons who contract HIV each year. At the same time, more African Americans are living longer and better with HIV. This workshop will examine the role and responsibility that Black Christians living with HIV/AIDS and the Black Church have to Black Christians and the Black community

#### Session 2: Race, Sex, and Body Image

One of the ways that race matters in America is in the way our bodies are shaped and our sexuality in honed. African American women wrestled with body weight but also tend to have a better body image. Do messages in media shape that? And, how do relatively conservative messages from the Black Church affect the way young men and women live out their sexuality? This workshop will help participants develop spiritual strategies for dealing with the complexity of race, sex and body image with African American adolescents and women.

#### Session 3: “Rompiendo El Silencio!” is “Breaking the Silence”

Latino and African American family values and beliefs impact parent and child communication about sexuality. This workshop explores the deep religious and cultural values of these two communities while suggesting effective strategies to assist parents, trusted adults, and clergy to communicate effectively with young people about sexuality.

#### Session 4: Keeping It Real! Part I

**Newly revised curriculum!** Be the first to review and learn about the new, “Keeping It Real!” curriculum for African American youth. This two-session training covers the entire content of the newly designed curriculum. Participants will engage in experiential learning that covers biblical wisdom and activities geared to help assist teens in making healthy life choices as spiritual and sexual beings.

#### Session 5: Reasonable and Acceptable

In the context of sex, sexuality and religion, what are we doing to model responsible behavior from the pulpit to the pews and how do we share with others how this behavior affects our relationship with other people of faith and with God?

#### Session 6: The Least of These

The epidemic of sexual and domestic violence against women, children, and the elderly is causing devastation within our African American communities, sexual and domestic violence contributes to the disproportionate high rate of incarceration of African American men and HIV/AIDS in the African American community. It causes physical, social, emotional, spiritual, and even economic devastation. Yet, the church has been silent, not adequately examining its teaching, preaching, and organizational structures that are contributing to this violence. This workshop using the real stories of women, will examine the biblical, theological, and ethical themes that have disempowered victims.

## Thursday, July 12, 2007

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service: Reverend Edwin C. Sanders, II Nashville, TN
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Sessions
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch
1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Reflections
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3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Announcements National Black Anthem and Benediction
8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	“Keeping It Real!” Teen Dialogue Forum and Speak Out Washington Plaza Hotel, Washington, DC

## Thursday, July 12, 2007

### Adult Break Out Sessions

#### Session 1: A Child Shall Lead Them

The Bible is filled with examples of youth and adult leadership models. Joshua, Miriam, Paul’s nephew, Timothy and Jesus were all actively engaged in ministry as youth and young adults. While exploring biblical examples of youth leadership, participants of this workshop will develop strategies for youth leadership development.

#### Session 2: Mantiendolo Real! Part I

**Newly revised curriculum!** Be the first to review and learn about the new, “Keeping It Real! curriculum for Latino youth. This two-session training covers the entire content of the newly designed curriculum. Participants will engage in experiential learning that covers biblical wisdom and activities geared to help assist teens in making healthy life choices as spiritual and sexual beings.

#### Session 3: Is Your Church Safe for Children?

The crisis of child sexual health assault by priests in the Roman Catholic Church has brought a new level of scrutiny to the safety of children in all religious settings and every denomination. This workshop will explore emerging new standards for churches to keep children safe from sexual harassment and abuse. What would you do if a visitor to your church acknowledged their status as a sex offender? What would you do if a church member was discovered to be a registered sex offender? What if that person was your youth leader? Does your church currently have “Safe Church” policies and practices in place? This workshop will assist participants in exploring the role of the church as a “Safe Church” for children.

#### Session 4: Sex Is In the Bible

For anyone with any doubt that the Book of Genesis, for example, has over 30 references to sex and sexuality, this session will provide an opportunity to learn and share culture, context and the value of understanding the power of the gift and the purpose of the gift giver.

#### Session 5: In the Midst of a Storm

Natural disasters impact more than our homes and church properties, they impact women, men and families ability to receive much needed reproductive health services. Many women displaced by Hurricanes Rita and Katrina were unable to access medical records and obtain health services which resulted in unintended pregnancy and disruption of pre-natal care services. Persons displaced by natural disaster lack access to HIV/AIDS medications and other reproductive health needs. This workshop will explore the many ways the church and community organizations can and should be prepared for sex in the Midst of a Storm

#### Session 6: Computer Love:

##### Getting it on in CyberSpace

Blogs, My Life, My Space, technology has provided access to a new era of sexuality and self expression for youth of today. This session will allow adults to explore new vistas for reaching youth, developing ministry resources that create spiritual messages about sexuality using technology mediums that youth appreciate. Are you online or sidelined?

**Friday, July 13, 2007**

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration  
 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast  
 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Adult Institute  
 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Closing Worship:** Bishop Yvette Flunder, Ph. D.  
 City of Refuge, San Francisco, California  
 Remarks: Reverend Carlton W. Veazey, Washington, DC  
 National Black Anthem and Benediction  
 1:30 p.m. Depart (Box Lunches Provided)

**Friday, July 13, 2007 Adult Institute**

\_\_\_ Theology of Choice  
 \_\_\_ “Keeping It Real!” Part II Adult Facilitator Training  
 \_\_\_ “Breaking the Silence” Adult Facilitator Training  
 \_\_\_ ”Manteniendolo Real” Part II Adult Facilitator Training  
 \_\_\_ Pastoral Care and Reproductive Health Counseling  
 \_\_\_ HIV/AIDS Ministries that Work

**“Keeping It Real!” Teen Leadership Institute Track**

**Wednesday, July 11, 2007**

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast and Registration  
 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Worship Service:** Reverend Stacey L. Edwards, MDiv  
 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break  
 10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Break Out Sessions  
 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Food, Facts, Fun  
 1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Prayer and Reflection  
 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break Out Sessions  
 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Rhyming, Rapping, Praising  
 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Summary, Announcements, Benediction  
 8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. “Keeping It Real!” Teen Talent Time  
 Washington Plaza Hotel, DC

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 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Worship Service:** Speaker - TBA  
 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break  
 10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Break Out Sessions  
 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Food, Facts, Fun  
 1:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Washington, DC Black History Bus Tour  
 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. “On the Real” Youth Speak Out – Washington Plaza Hotel

**Friday, July 13, 2007**

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast and Registration  
 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Teen Leadership Development  
 11:45 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. Travel To Howard University School of Divinity (Chapel)  
 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Closing Worship: Bishop Yvette Flunder, DMin  
 Remarks: Reverend Carlton W. Veazey  
 Benediction  
 Depart (Box Lunches Provided)

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\$75.00 adults       \$40.00 youth (ages 13-18)       \$40.00 one day only

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Special Needs

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Have you participated in:  "Keeping It Real!"  "Breaking the Silence"  Clergy Forum

## Workshop Preference

Please indicate first and second choice for each day. Every attempt will be made to assign your preferred choices. However, because of space limitation, workshops will be assigned on a first-come basis.

### Adult Track

#### Day One

**Session 1: No Longer Dying: Living with Accountability**

**Session 2: Race, Sex, and Body Image**

**Session 3: "Rompiendo El Silencio" is "Breaking the Silence"**

**Session 4: "Keeping It Real!" Part I - Revised curriculum training**

**Session 5: Reasonable and Acceptable**

**Session 6: The Least of These**

#### Day Two

**Session 1: A Child Shall Lead Them**

**Session 2: "Mantiendolo Real!" Part I - Revised curriculum training**

**Session 3: Is Your Church Safe for Children?**

**Session 4: Sex is in the Bible**

**Session 5: In the Midst of a Storm**

**Session 6: Computer Love: Getting it on in CyberSpace**

### Day Three Adult Institute

**Theology of Choice**

**"Keeping It Real!" Part II Adult Facilitator Training**

**"Breaking the Silence" Adult Facilitator Training**

**"Mantiendolo Real" Part II Adult Facilitator Training**

**Pastoral Care and Reproductive Health Counseling**

**HIV/AIDS Ministries that Work**

### "Keeping It Real!" Teen Leadership Institute (ages 13-18)

**Day 1 My Body, My Life, My God**

**Day 2 Heavenly Hook Ups**

**Day 3 Teen Leadership Institutes  
( please choose one)**

**Session 1: Spirituality and Sexuality**

**Session 2: Youth Ambassadors for Christ:  
Youth Speaker Training (16-18)**

**Session 3 God's Purpose – Exploring Potential Gifts**

**Session 4: HIV/AIDS Training Institute - Peer to Peer  
Educators**

**Session 5: Leadership is An Art (16-18)**

Teen Information:

Male  Female      Age: \_\_\_\_\_

"Keeping It Real!" Graduate  Yes  No

For more information, please contact:

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2007 Registration Brochure

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