



“Overcoming Oppression: Biblically Dismantling Abuses of Power”

10 Year Anniversary

September 25-28, 2025

DRAFT Agenda*

Embassy Suites by Hilton

800 Monroe St., SW

Huntsville, AL 35801

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Preconference

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

[16th St. Baptist Church](#)

[Birmingham Civil Rights Institute](#)

[Kelly Ingram Park](#)

Thursday, Sept. 25

CJC Team Orientation

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Registration Desk Opens

3:00-9:00 p.m.

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Opening Plenary Session

Ableism and Ageism in the Community

4:00-5:15 p.m.

Nicole Jorwic

Chief Program Officer

[Caring Across Generations](#)

PANELISTS

Kenny Anderson

Executive Director

[Leadership Empowerment Enterprise](#)

Renee' Scruggs

Founder/Director

[IDefy, Inc.](#)

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Fellowship Dinner and Plenary Session

5:30-6:45 p.m.

Roman Palomares

President and CEO

[League of United Latin American Citizens](#)

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Opening Keynote

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Christians Against Christianity

[Obery M. Hendricks, Jr.](#)

Author, Christians Against Christianity

Visiting Scholar, Columbia University

PANELISTS

Amireh Al-Haddad

PARL Director

[Southern Union](#)

Melissa Reid

Associate PARL Director

[North American Division](#)

Jesse Wilson

Professor of Practical Theology

[Oakwood University](#)

Friday, Sept. 26

Registration Desk Opens

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Plenary Session

8:45-9:45 a.m.

John C. Yang

President and CEO

[Asian Americans Advancing Justice – AAJC](#)

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Breakout Sessions

10-11:15 a.m.

Conscience Track

Finding Common Ground with Adventists on Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

Bishop Melvin Burton

Michigan Western Jurisdiction Prelate

[Refreshing Fountain Outreach Ministries Church of God in Christ](#)

General Track

Generating Wealth Through Entrepreneurship

Sharron Henley

Vice President of Program Operations

[Urban League of Greater Miami](#)

Justice Track

Collaborating with Latinos in the Community

Roman Palomares

President and CEO

[League of United Latin American Citizens](#)

Pastors Track

Ableism and Houses of Worship

Nicole Jorwic

Chief Program Officer

[Caring Across Generations](#)

Breakout Sessions

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Conscience Track

The Truth About DEI

Dorothy Huston

Founder

[Diversity Leadership Colloquium](#)

General Track

LGBTQ and University Campuses: What Would Jesus Do?

Dilys Brooks

Chaplain

[Loma Linda University](#)

Justice Track

Immigration Today

Andrea Stewartson

Partner

[Robinson Kirlaw & Associates](#)

Pastors Track

Myths About Asian Americans

John C. Yang

President and CEO

[Asian Americans Advancing Justice – AAJC](#)

Plenary Session Luncheon

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Ryan Burge

Professor of Practice

[Washington University](#)

PANELISTS

Michael W. Campbell

Director of Archives, Statistics, and Research

[North American Division](#)

Lisa Clark Diller
Professor of Political Science
[Southern Adventist University](#)

Preston Foster
Professor of Public Policy
[Oakwood University](#)

William J. Lee
Senior Pastor
[First Seventh-day Adventist Church](#)

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Breakout Sessions
2:45-4:00 p.m.
Conscience Track
The Hidden Truths about Adventism and Oppression
Michael W. Campbell
Director of Archives, Statistics, and Research
[North American Division](#)

General Track
LGBTQ and University Campuses: What Would Jesus Do?
Dilys Brooks
Chaplain
[Loma Linda University](#)

Justice Track
Graphics and Messaging: How to overcome oppression?
Erica Keith
President and CEO
[Black Forward Shop](#)

David Person
Owner
David Person Media LLC

Pastors Track
Using Data for Engagement
Ryan Burge
Professor of Practice
[Washington University](#)

Break
4:00-5:30 p.m.

Office for Regional Conference Ministries Tour
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Worship Experience
Oakwood University Seventh-day Adventist Church
7:45-9:15 p.m.
Howard-John Wesley (*Invited*)
Senior Pastor
[Alfred Street Baptist Church](#)

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Saturday, Sept. 27

Registration Desk Opens
8:30-10:45 a.m., 5:15-8:15 p.m.

Lucille Byard Symposium
9:00-10:30 a.m.
TBD

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Divine Worship Experience
11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Oakwood University Seventh-day Adventist Church
Myron Edmonds
Founder and CEO
[Myron Edmonds Leadership Group](#)

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Fellowship Lunch
2:00-3:00 p.m.

Best Practices Tour
[Village of Promise](#)
3:15-5:00 p.m.

Liberty Update
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Religious Discrimination and Persecution: What does it look like today?
Bettina Krause
Editor
[Liberty Magazine](#)

Orlan Johnson
PARL Director
[North American Division](#)

Melissa Reid
Associate PARL Director
[North American Division](#)
Sponsored by Liberty Magazine

Worship Experience
6:40-8:00 p.m.

Tawyna Plummer Laughinghouse
Director, Materials and Processes Laboratory
[National Aeronautics and Space Administration](#)

Andrea King
Vice President for Black Ministries
[Southeastern California Conference](#)
Sponsored by South Central Conference

Sunday, Sept. 28

Registration Desk Opens

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Morning Manna

9:00-9:30 a.m.

Bishop Melvin Burton

Michigan Western Jurisdiction Prelate

[Refreshing Fountain Outreach Ministries Church of God in Christ](#)

Networking and Best Practices Celebration

9:30-11:30 a.m.

[Center for Community Change at Andrews University](#)

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CJC Team Debrief

12:00-1:00 p.m.

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