



“Overcoming Oppression: Biblically Dismantling Abuses of Power”

10 Year Anniversary

September 25-28, 2025

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.

[Tracey Gendron](#)

Executive Director, Virginia Center on Aging

Author, Ageism Unmasked: Exploring Age Bias and How to End It

PANELISTS

Amireh Al-Haddad

PARL Director

[Southern Union](#)

Kenny Anderson

Executive Director

[Leadership Empowerment Enterprise](#)

Marilyn King-Jordan

Chairperson

[Disability Resource Network of Alabama](#)

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Fellowship Dinner and Keynote Address

5:30-6:45 p.m.

All for One and One for All

Roman Palomares

President

[League of United Latin American Citizens](#)

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Worship Experience

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Marcus Cosby

Senior Pastor

[Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church](#)

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Friday, Sept. 26

Registration Desk Opens

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

Plenary Session

8:45-9:45 a.m.

Catalyst for Change

John C. Yang

President and Executive Director

[Asian Americans Advancing Justice – AAJC](#)

Sponsored by NAD Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department and North American Religious Liberty Association

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

Unmuted: A Call to Reclaim Democracy

Michael Taylor

Host

[The Political Mike](#)

Justice Track

Collaborating with Latinos in the Community

Roman Palomares

President

[League of United Latin American Citizens](#)

Pastors Track

The Realities of Elderhood

[Tracey Gendron](#)

Executive Director, Virginia Center on Aging

Author, Ageism Unmasked: Exploring Age Bias and How to End It

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 Kirlew & Associates](#)

Pastors Track

Myths About Asian Americans

John C. Yang

President and Executive Director

[Asian Americans Advancing Justice – AAJC](#)

Plenary Session Luncheon

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Voting Patterns of Seventh-day Adventists

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](#)

Sponsored by Southern Union Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department

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.
Sponsored by the Office for Regional Conference Ministries

Worship Experience
Oakwood University Seventh-day Adventist Church
7:45-9:15 p.m.
Testimonial
Tawnya Plummer Laughinghouse
[STEM Professional and Advocate](#)

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

Saturday, Sept. 27
Registration Desk Opens
8:30-10:45 a.m., 5:15-8:15 p.m.

Lucille Byard Symposium
Out of the Box: Exposing Classism as the Primary System of Oppression
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Remarks
Gina Spivey Brown
President
[Oakwood University](#)

Speaker

Marquis D. Johns

Founder

[Marquis Johns Consulting, LLC](#)

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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](#)

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Plenary Session

6:40-8:00 p.m.

Christians Against Christianity

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

Author, Christians Against Christianity

Visiting Scholar, Columbia University

PANELISTS

Trevor H. Fraser

Retired Professor and Pastor

[Co-Founder, Christian Family Life Seminars](#)

Melissa Reid

Associate PARL Director

[North American Division](#)

Debleaire Snell

Speaker/Director

[Breath of Life](#)

Senior Pastor

[Oakwood University Church](#)

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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](#)

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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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