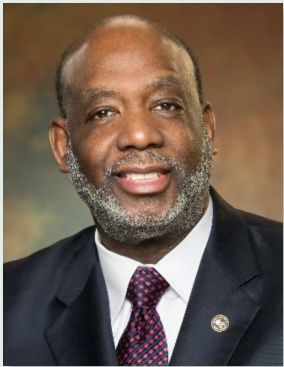


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Subverting the Matrix of Human Violence

Plenary Speakers



Dr. Forrest E. Harris



Rev. Dr. Thee Smith



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2018 Theology & Peace Conference
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Accepting the Invitation to the 'Beloved Community'

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To commemorate the FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the death of **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**, AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE will host the 11th ANNUAL THEOLOGY & PEACE CONFERENCE. Dr. King presented an inspiring vision of the 'Beloved Community' as the aftermath of fear, division, and violence, a vision for which he gave his life. At this point in our history, we are presented with a choice between violence or peacemaking, curses or blessings, chaos or community, rivalry or reconciliation, a way that leads to death or one that leads to life. We are once again invited to incarnate Dr. King's dream by healing our divisions, by affirming our common identity as children of God, and by living into the 'Beloved Community'.

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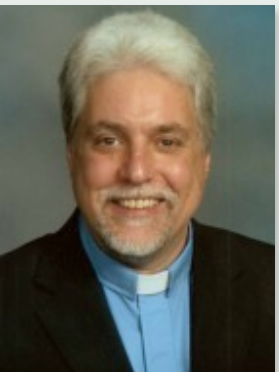
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James Warren

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DR. FORREST E. HARRIS, SR., PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN BAPTIST COLLEGE and DIRECTOR OF BLACK CHURCH STUDIES AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL. Dr. Harris is nationally recognized as one of the most progressive scholars, theological educators, and visionaries for prophetic Christianity in the Black Church tradition. He holds M. Div. and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Vanderbilt University Divinity School, where he was a Benjamin E. Mays Fellow and received the Florence Conwell prize for preaching. He is author of *What Does It Mean To Be Black and Christian: The Pulpit, Pew and the Academy in Dialogue*; *Ministry for Social Crisis: Theology and Praxis in the Black Church Tradition*; and *What Does It Mean To Be Black and Christian: The Meaning of the African American Church*.

REV. THEE SMITH PH.D., ASSOC. PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES, EMORY UNIVERSITY. Thee's expertise includes diversity training, interfaith conflict resolution, and human rights advocacy. As an African-American he maintains an activist commitment to economic equity for all people and advanced democracy in the U.S. and abroad. Thee Smith's award-winning 1994 book, *Conjuring Culture: Biblical Formations of Black America* spans the fields of religion and theological studies, African-American spirituality and violence studies. Also in 1994 he co-edited the multi-authored book, *Curing Violence*.

BECCA STEVENS, PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF THISTLE FARMS. Becca is an author, speaker, priest, and social entrepreneur. After experiencing the death of her father and subsequent child abuse when she was 5, Becca longed to open a sanctuary for survivors offering a loving community. In 1997, five women who had experienced trafficking, violence, and addiction were welcomed home. A White House "Champion of Change," she is author of *Love Heals*.

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Visit to THISTLE FARMS

On Wednesday, May 23rd, we will tour Thistle Farms, where Becca Stevens will give her plenary presentation. She will lead us in the Eucharist, which will be followed by dinner and a reception with live music at [The Café at Thistle Farms](#).

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