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# VIRTUAL KICKOFF FOR THE 10TH NATIONAL SUICIDE AND THE BLACK CHURCH CONFERENCE 2023

THEME:

## "ANCHORED IN HOPE"

 Thursday, June 16, 2022

 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

# 100% ONLINE

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Conference  
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Welcome! You are invited to  
join a webinar: **VIRTUAL  
KICKOFF TO 10th NATIONAL...**

PASTORS PANEL DISCUSSION:  
**THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH  
CONCERNS IN OUR COMMUNITIES**  
" SURVIVOR'S STORY"

**Bishop William & Pastor Dianne Young**  
The Healing Center, Co-Founders  
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## SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTERS



**Commissioner  
Marie Williams**  
TN. Dept. of Mental Health &  
Substance Abuse



**Dr. Ken Brown**  
Executive Vice Chancellor & COO  
University of Tennessee Health  
Science Center



**Jim Strickland**  
Mayor of Memphis



**Lee Harris**  
Shelby County Mayor



**Dr. Sonyia Richardson**  
Assistant Professor, UNC-Charlotte



**Dr. Monty Burks**  
Director, Faith-Based Initiatives, TDMHSAS



**Dr. Sherry Mollock**  
Associate Professor of  
Psychology, Georgia Washington  
University



**Dr. Michael Torres**  
Founder/President  
Center for Integration of Spirituality  
and Mental Health, Inc, Psychiatric  
Specialist



**Dr. Donna Barnes**  
Associate Professor, Howard  
University, Co-Founder,  
National Organization for  
People of Color Against Suicide



**Director Mike LaBonte**  
Executive Director  
Memphis Crisis Center



**Rev. Bashana Wright**  
"Survivor's Story"

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**2023 THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022**

**9AM – 2PM**

**9AM Opening Prayer:** Pastor Darrell Harrington,  
New Sardis M. B. Church

## **WELCOME**

Bishop William and Pastor Dianne Young, Co-Founders  
Mayor Jim Strickland, City of Memphis  
Mayor Lee Harris, Shelby County Mayor  
Dr. Ken Brown, Executive Vice Chancellor & Chief Operating Officer,  
UTHSC

**9:15AM: “WHY THE CHURCH NEEDS TO BE AT THE TABLE”**  
**Commissioner Marie Williams**

**Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services**

**9:45AM: “SURVIVOR'S STORY”** Rev. Bashana Wright

**10:00AM: FACTS ABOUT SUICIDE**

Mike LaBonte, MA, Executive Director,  
Memphis Crisis Center

**10:30AM: DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, & SUICIDAL THOUGHTS**

Dr. Michael Torres, MD, founder and President, Center for the Integration of Spirituality and Mental Health, Inc.  
Psychiatric Specialist, Baltimore, MD

**11:00AM: IS YOUR CHILD TYPICAL OR TROUBLED?**

Dr. Donna Barnes, Associate Professor, Howard University, Co-Founder NOPCAS  
(National Organization for People of Color Against Suicide)

**11:30AM: SUICIDE: PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION**

Dr. Sherry Mollock, Ph.D. M.Div.,  
Associate Professor of Psychology  
George Washington University in Washington, DC.

**12:00PM --BREAK--**

**12:30PM: RESPONDING TO THE NEED: THE PANDEMIC, FAITH,  
THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND SUICIDE**

Dr. Sonya Richardson, PHD, MSW, LCSW  
Assistance Professor, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

**1:00 PM PANEL DISCUSSION: THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS IN OUR  
COMMUNITIES**

**Facilitator: Dr. Monty Burks, CPRS, PHD Director Faith-Based Initiatives, TN  
Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Nashville, TN**

**Pastor Lynwood Dillard (Memphis, TN.)  
Pastor Frank Stevenson (Nashville, TN.)  
Rev., Dr. Mike Torres (Baltimore, MD)  
Rev. Dr. Sherry Mollock (Washington, DC.)  
Pastor Cornelius Hill (Nashville TN.)  
Dr. William M. Young (Memphis, TN.)**

## **FACILITATORS**

**Director Monty Burks, Faith-Based Initiatives TDMHSAS  
Director Dorcas Young-Griffin, Shelby County Community Services  
President Paul A. Young, CEO, President, Downtown Memphis Commission**

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