

Stopping the Violence National Best Practices Convocation - Las Vegas Dec 14-15

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Stopping the Violence
National Best Practices Convocation
Live from IPEC Las Vegas Saturday & Sunday
December 14-15, 2024 all day

You may attend by Zoom. [Link and Schedule attached below](#)

Featuring:

- Rev. Madelene Clark-Alexander**, American Clergy Leadership Conference, Indiana
- Ms. Pamela N. Johnson**, Founder and Executive Director, Anti-Violence Coalition of Hudson. *"The Power of Community Activism"*
- Mr. Arcario Acuna**, Violence Intervention Specialist, Young Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy. *"Youth Violence Prevention/Intervention"*
- Rev. Dr. Jim Bostic**, Founder and Director, City of Yonkers Violence and Gang Prevention Coalition. *"Gang Engagement and Violence Intervention"*
- Pastor Troy Martinez**, Founder, Dads in Schools. *"School Bullying and Peer Pressure"*
- Major Kari Thompson**, Kansas City Police Department. *"Partnership of the Community and Law Enforcement"*
- Brig. Gen. Arnold N. Gordon-Bray** (US Army ret). *"The Invisible Among Us: Underserved, Underrepresented, Undervalued, Disenfranchised"*
- Rev. Dr. Ken R. Unger** – Trauma Counselor, author and podcaster. *"Healing Traumatized People"*
- Rev. Darren Faulkner**, Founder and President, Ruby Visions – Faith Defenders Bible Fellowship. *"Poverty and Violence: Moving Forward Collectively"*
- Mr. Brad Carson**, President, United Hood Nation. *"Economic Development and Community Safety"*
- Dr. VJ Smith**, CEO, Hope Dealer International. *"Recidivism, Fathers and the Family"*
- Rev. Dr. Ken Alexander**, American Clergy Leadership Conference, Indiana. *"Training Ex-offenders"*
- Mr. Alan Saunders**, Executive Director, International Education Foundation. *"Character Education"*
- Ms. Karen Ryce**, Executive Director, Happy Kids Company. *"Creating Harmony in the Family/Healing"*

AND OTHERS

Hosted by:

Rev. Zagery Oliver, Executive Vice President, Universal Peace Federation USA; Director, Stopping the Violence webinars

Dr. Michael Jenkins, President Universal Peace Federation and The Washington Times.

Register here to join:

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Agenda

14 December SATURDAY

Day 1: Understanding and Addressing the Root Causes of Violence

CONFERENCE MODERATOR: DR. MADELENE CLARK-ALEXANDER, American Clergy Leadership Conference, Indiana

8:00 AM Registration and Breakfast (greet one another and remanence briefly please, so that we may begin promptly at 9)

9:00 AM OPENING SESSION – WHY WE GATHER

Rev. Zagery Oliver, Conference Chair, Executive Vice President, Universal Peace Federation USA

Ms. Pamela N. Johnson, Founder and Executive Director, Anti-Violence Coalition of Hudson. *“The Power of Community Activism”*

9:30 AM PLENARY SESSION 1 – OVERVIEW OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGIES

Mr. Arcario Acuna, Violence Intervention Specialist, Young Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy. *“Youth Violence Prevention/Intervention”*

Rev. Dr. Jim Bostic, Founder and Director, City of Yonkers Violence and Gang Prevention Coalition. *“Gang Engagement and Violence Intervention”*

Pastor Troy Martinez, Founder, Dads in Schools. *“School Bullying and Peer Pressure”*

Major Kari Thompson, Kansas City Police Department. *“Partnership of the Community and Law Enforcement”*

10:30 AM Break (15 minutes)

10:45 AM PLENARY SESSION 2 – MENTAL HEALTH TRAUMA AND THE HEALING PROCESS

Brig. Gen. Arnold N. Gordon-Bray (US Army ret). *“The Invisible Among Us: Underserved, Underrepresented, Undervalued, Disenfranchised”*

Rev. Dr. Ken R. Unger – Trauma Counselor, author and podcaster. *“Healing Traumatized People”*

Interactive Discussion

11:45 AM Break (15 minutes)

12:00 PM PLENARY SESSION 3 (working lunch)

Rev. Darren Faulkner (Keynote Address), Founder and President, Ruby Visions – Faith Defenders Bible Fellowship. *“Poverty and Violence: Moving Forward Collectively”*

Interactive Discussion

1:30 PM PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Brad Carson, President, United Hood Nation. *“Economic Development and Community Safety”*

Dr. VJ Smith, CEO, Hope Dealer International. *“Recidivism, Fathers and the Family”*

Rev. Dr. Ken Alexander, American Clergy Leadership Conference, Indiana. *“Training Ex-offenders”*

Interactive Discussion

- 3:00 PM Break (15 minutes)
- 3:15 PM **Breakouts and Brainstorming** (participants' choice)
- Youth Prevention/Intervention
 - Youth Gang Violence - Engagement and Prevention
 - Trauma and the Healing Process
 - Law Enforcement and the Community
 - Recidivism
- 4:45 PM PLENARY SESSION 4 – CLOSING REMARKS FOR THE DAY
Rev. Zagery Oliver, Conference Chair, Executive Vice President, Universal Peace Federation USA
- 5:00 PM Dinner and free time

15 December SUNDAY

Day 2: Sustainable Solutions and Best Practices

- 7:30 AM Morning Praise and Worship Service and message by **Rev. Darren Faulkner**
- 8:30 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM PLENARY SESSION 5 – BEST PRACTICES IN CHARACTER EDUCATION AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION
Mr. Alan Saunders, Executive Director, International Education Foundation. *“Character Education”*
Ms. Karen Ryce, Executive Director, Happy Kids Company. *“Creating Harmony in the Family/Healing”*
Rev. Darren Faulkner, Founder and President, Ruby Visions – Faith Defenders Bible Fellowship. *“360 Model”*
- 10:30 AM Break (15 minutes)
- 10:45 AM PANEL DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACHES TO VIOLENCE PREVENTION
Dr. Madelene Clark-Alexander (moderator), American Clergy Leadership Conference, Indiana
Panelists will be community leaders and practitioners selected from among the participants.
- 12:00 PM PLENARY SESSION 6 AND WORKING LUNCH – OPEN FORUM
Interactive Discussion
- 1:15 PM PLENARY SESSION 7 – CREATING A MANUAL OF BEST PRACTICES
Collaborative Discussion and Summary
- 2:30 PM CLOSING REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS
Dr. Michael Jenkins, President, Universal Peace Federation
Call to Action: Creating a Best Practices National Task Force and a Best Practices National Guide
Rev. Zagery Oliver – Executive Vice President, Universal Peace Federation USA