Dear Central Atlantic Conference,

I hope you're well. I'm reaching out to personally invite you to join us for the **2026 Prathia B. Hall–Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry**, taking place **July 13–16, 2026**, at the Children's Defense Fund's **Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, Tennessee**.

Hall-Proctor is one of CDF's most cherished annual gatherings—bringing together faith leaders, scholars, pastors, seminarians, and advocates for renewal, formation, and organizing on behalf of children and families. Each year, the Institute creates sacred space for learning, grounding, and recommitment to justice-centered ministry and advocacy.

This year's theme, ***Begin Again! Roots, Sacred Rhetoric & Revolutionary Mothering***, invites us to return to our deepest values, draw strength from our spiritual and organizing traditions, and renew our call to protect and advance the well-being of children in these challenging times.

I immediately thought of you because of your leadership and commitment to faith-rooted justice work, and I believe Hall-Proctor would be a meaningful space for learning, connection, and restoration.

I am providing a few **visuals that highlight the spirit of Hall-Proctor and some of the leaders who will be joining us this summer**. If helpful, you can also get a sense of the energy and community of the Institute here: ***Relive the joy of the 2025 Hall-Proctor Institute.***

I'd love for you to consider:

- **Registering to attend**, and
- **Sharing this invitation with others in your network**—colleagues, seminarians, pastors, or partners—who might benefit from being part of this gathering.

You can find additional details and registration information here:

**Hall-Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry - Children's Defense Fund**

If you have questions or would like to talk more about the Institute, please feel free to reach out. I'd be glad to connect.

Thank you for all you do on behalf of children and communities. I hope we'll have the chance to gather together this summer.

Blessings,

**Rev. Marvin Silver**
**Director, Leadership Development & Organizing**