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Latest Justice and Witness Event

The Latest Virtual Learning Experience

Sponsored by the Justice and Witness Commission of the Eastern Virginia Association of the Southern Conference-United Church of Christ

Theme: Conquering Racism Together

June 26, 2021

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

A powerful and experienced panel has been assembled for "such a time as this".

Andrea Miller: Center for Common Good

Tony Jones: Virginia Organizing

Jimmy Culpepper: Tidewater Sowers of Justice

Brandon Randleman: Community Leader, Community Strategist

Julius Green: 100 Black Men of America and Distinguished Military Trailblazer

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Conquering Racism Together

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Find brief bio of panelists
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Andrea Miller: Center for Common Good



Andrea Miller is Founding Board Member, Executive Director, People Demanding Action, Founding President, National Women's Political Caucus of Virginia, Founding Tri-Chair Virginia Poor People's Campaign and a member of the Democracy and Governance working group of the Virginia Green New Deal. Andrea is an IT and Political Director, a digital and elections strategist. She designs and administers digital phonebanks and texting programs. From 2013 to 2015 she led the Progressive Round Table on Capitol Hill bringing together members of Congress, activists and non-profit leaders. Her expertise is in voting rights, climate and the Equal Rights Amendment. She has successfully advocated for legislation on both the Federal and State level. In 2008 she was the Democratic nominee for the Virginia 4th Congressional district.

Tony Jones: Virginia Organizing



I got interested in Virginia Organizer in 2017 because I believe in the mission, support and the voice that it provides citizens. I'm a returning citizen. I was incarcerated in the federal system from 1997 until 2016. The charges were nonviolent drug charges. I received two life sentences without the possible of parole. In 2016 I was given clemency by former President Obama. I spent 20 years in prison fighting for my life. Being a part of the Virginia Organizer, I am able to utilize my leadership skills, and community involvement abilities ascertained from past endeavors. As an Organizer, I have the power, will and ability to advocate justice for the citizens of the community.

In June 2016, I completed the Project Inclusion

course sponsored by the United Way which focuses on effective communication skills, problem solving techniques in the non-profit sector.

I organized a back to school drive and a community cookout during the summer months of July and August 2017. The back to school drive was community based and back packs were filled with school supplies donated by local businesses. The community cookout events were free and open to the public. Various organizations, such as HYPE, Virginia Organizing, Papa John's Pizza, 7&11 and Walmart provided food donations and their time to the community to support comradely for Portsmouth citizens. I am proud to have been a part of such an amazing event and instrumental in reaching out to company managers for donations.

This is one the many organizing attributes that I possess and I am excited about being a justice advocate to help citizens exercise their rights or express their concerns about community issues.

Being a Virginia organizer comes with great responsibility and I take pride in building relationships within the community so all voices are heard. I look forward to making and meeting new agencies contacts and getting the community excited about getting involved. I have been working with Virginia Organizing since 2018 April. In 2018 I was on the Development Committee of Samaritan house in Virginia Beach. In 2019 until 2020 I was a teacher at Centra College in Norfolk until covid-19. I was teaching carpentry. In 2019 I went to Villanova University studying project management. I also went to Tidewater Tech from 2017 to 2019 studying Building Maintenance and Heat and Vent and air conditioning HVAC. I graduated with summa cum laude.

Since becoming an organizer with Virginia Organizing, I facilitated workshops on dismantling racism. I learned about internal racist oppression, systemic racism, institutional racism.



Jimmy Culpepper: Tidewater Sowers of Justice

Jimmy Culpepper is the co-chair of the Tidewater Sowers of Justice Dismantling Racism Working Community. He serves as a co-facilitator for several JustFaith Ministries Racial Equity courses as well as a virtual book club, which reads and discusses books related to race and African-American history. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. Jimmy is an active member of the Church of St. Therese's Justice and Peace Committee and several other social justice organizations, including

BankOn Hampton Roads and Virginia Organizing. He has been active in legislative advocacy for several years related to various social justice efforts. Jimmy lives in Chesapeake, VA and has been married to his high school sweetheart Cathy for almost 45 years. They have 2 married daughters and 4 grandchildren. Jimmy is a retired safety and occupational health professional.

Julius Green: 100 Black Men of America and Distinguished Military Trailblazer



Deacon Julius Green serves God, man and Country. Having joined the United States Army and finishing Basic training at Fort Jackson South Carolina, he went on to become the second African American deep sea diver and later to be classified as Master diver. Deacon Green is a wounded warrior who received the Bronze Medal. His outstanding leadership has witnessed a diverse background of empowering others, including family and overall community

Brandon Randleman: Community Leader, Community Strategist



Brandon Randleman is one of today's youngest natural born leaders who has quickly ascended the ladder of "Who's Who" among young trailblazers. A 2013 Political Science major, cum laude graduate of Virginia State University, Brandon, who hails from Isle of Wight County Virginia, has cultivated a remarkable track record as a trusted faith-based leader, an influential college organizer, a community service champion and a focused political activist.

After serving his church for many years as president of the Youth Department, Brandon presided over numerous organizations at Virginia State University serving as President of the VSU Student Government Association; Vice Chair of the

Student Advisory Committee for the Virginia State Council of Higher Education, a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., the Beta Gamma Chapter. And served on the Virginia State University Board of Visitors as the Student Representative.

Brandon's post-collegiate political acumen, both as an effective orator on government issues and as a polished advocate for social justice, is evidenced by his work in Virginia State Government as well as on Capitol Hill. He has lobbied state and federal elected officials on many different education and advocacy initiatives.

Ever the social butterfly and political operative, Brandon has worked with, introduced or been the guest of some of the most powerful and recognizable government figures such as members of the Congressional Black Caucus, former First Lady Michelle Obama, former Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, and Virginia State Senator Henry Marsh, (his mentor). Most recently in 2019, Brandon started his own political consultant and advocacy firm, ENVY Strategies LLC. A firm that has focused on electing individuals to higher office on the local, state and federal level.

This young Democrat who has garnered a number of honors and awards in his political career, is committed to doing work in public policy and politics by aiding elected officials advocating passionately social justice initiatives. His ultimate goal is to one day run for public office as a Virginia State Senator or State Delegate, or for a seat in the U.S. Congress.