

Synod Workshop Session I, II, III
Thursday, June 20, 2024

Session I ~ (10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. -- Auditorium)

Title: *“Once There Was A Nation That Could”*

Suggested Reading: Succession Planning That Works, by Michael Timms

Facilitator: *Baba Mbiyu Chui*

Purpose:

A visual celebration of our 70+ year legacy, and the shared values of our faith journey. What must be done to bridge the gap between where we began and where we are now? What happens when legacy meets future?

Lunch

12:00 -1:00 p.m.

Session II ~ (1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. -- Auditorium)

Title: *“Call My Name...Tell Our Stories”*

Suggested Reading: Call My Name by Rhondda Thomas, PhD

Lest We Forget by Rev. Velma Maia Thomas

Facilitator: *Rev. Ayana Pines and L. Kaifa Roland, PhD*

Purpose:

Who do men say we are? Have we told our story, giving narrative to our legacy? In our march forward have we forgotten the past? Will future generations know the names of our founders, our ancestors, who paved the way for us? Will they know our mindboggling accomplishments? Our struggle and love for Black people is our past, our present, and our future—our legacy! We will forever **CALL THEIR NAMES...TELL THEIR STORIES!** Let’s preserve our legacy for coming generations answering the question, *“Who do men say that I Am?”*

Afternoon Break

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Session III~ (2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. -- Auditorium)

Title: *“The Power of Knowing, What You Don’t Know”*

Suggested Reading: Think Again, by Adam Grant

Facilitator: *Baba Mbiyu Chui*

Purpose:

To share a simple, yet effective strategy for a growth mindset, which can be utilized in our five-year Re-imagining BCN planning & implementation process

Synod Reception

(6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Pavilion)

Synod Workshop Session IV, V, VI
Friday, June 21, 2024

Session IV ~ (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Ball Room A & B)

Title: *“Beulah Land: A Re-Imagined Sustainable Ecosystem”*

Suggested Reading: Reclaiming Stolen Earth, by *Jawanza E. Clark*

Facilitator: *Pastor Aswad*

Purpose:

A panel discussion that explores the raw potential of Beulah Land as a model for the development of a sustainable ecosystem, in collaboration with like-minded eco-communities nationwide, in order to create greater black food security and foster economic empowerment.

Lunch

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Session V ~ (1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Ball Room A & B)

Title: *“Building A Pan African Network”*

Suggested Reading: The African Union and New Strategies for Development in Africa, by *Said Adejumobi & Adebayo Olukoshi*

Co-Facilitators: *Baba Mbiyu/Preston Papa Jackson*

Purpose:

Exploring the critical work of Pan African Missions, as we work to build new partnerships across Africa, and the Diaspora, in order to establish ourselves as a global movement in the 21st century and beyond.

Afternoon Break

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Session VI ~ (2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. – Ball Room A & B)

Title: *“Legacy Meets Future: A Black Nation Re-Imagined”*

Suggested Reading: Atomic Habits, by *James Clear*

Facilitator: *Jaramogi Kimathi*

Purpose:

What role does each member play in passing the baton to a new generation? In this Sankofa moment, we each must be engaged in the creative process of rethinking, reimagining, and re-inventing BCN as we prepare for the difficult days of struggle which lie ahead.

Official Close of Synod 2024
(4:30 p.m.)

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6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. – Grand Ballroom