

Black Ministry Family Convocation
“Empowering and Advancing the Next Generation”
Ministry Focus, Revitalization, Recruitment, Communication,
Ownership
July 9-12, 2025

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Christian Academy, Dallas, Texas
Reverend Byron R. Williams, Sr., Senior Pastor

Convocation Agenda
Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Registration: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm for Adults and Youth

- list of local eateries, sights, historical monuments provided by the Dallas Chamber of Commerce

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Meet and Greet (*Food trucks available*)

6:30 pm Opening Divine Worship in Sanctuary. Opening Preacher

Rev. Stephen A. Wiggins Sr.
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Jacksonville, Florida
President, Black Clergy Caucus

9:00 pm Presidents Reception hosted by the Texas District:
President Michael Newman

Thursday, July 10, 2025
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(Continental Breakfast at Hotel or other local locations)

7:00 am - 8:00 am Registration Adults/Youth opens

8:00 am - 9:00 am-Opening Devotions

Rev. Byron R. Williams Sr.
St. Paul Lutheran Church & Christian Academy
Dallas, Texas, Senior Pastor

9:00 am – 9:40 am Welcomes:

- a. Rev. Stephen A. Wiggins Sr., Black Clergy Caucus President
Executive & Advisory Committee: Rev. Gregory Manning,
VP/Chaplain, Rev. Perry McCullum, Secretary, Rev. Prentice
Marsh, Treasurer, Rev. Dr. S T Williams, Jr. Executive
Director, Rev. Dr. Victor Belton, Registration, Rev. Dr. Martin
Lee, Advancement, Rev. Amos Gray, Youth, Rev. Meredith
Jackson, Technology.
- b. Rev. Byron & Mrs. Joyce R. Williams, Sr., Conference Host
- c. Welcome from the City/County of Dallas
- d. Welcome from President Matthew Harrison
- e. Welcome from Texas District President Mike Newman

9:40 am - 10:40 am Keynoter:

Rev. Dr. Byron R. Williams Jr.
Principal, St. Francis Middle School

10:40 am – 11:00 am Q & A with Keynoter
(Youth, Sister's In The Spirit dismissed after Q &A)

11:00 am – 11:15 am BREAK

11:15 am - 11:30 am Thrivent Financial Presentation

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Lunch, Sponsored by Thrivent
(BCC Members meet during Lunch)

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm Announcements & Welcomes:

- Concordia University Texas – Dr. Kristi Kirk, President and former President Dr. Donald Christian
- Caribbean, African, and Haiti Leaders

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm “Lifewise Academy Presentation
(Bible Education for Public School Students)

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm Introduction of the Mission and Vision by the Black Clergy Caucus Executive Director – Rev. Dr. S T Williams, Jr., Los Angeles, CA

- a. Ministry Focus
- b. Revitalization
- c. Recruitment
- d. Communication
- e. Ownership
- f. Also Partnership Development

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm Break

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Greetings:

- District Presidents
- Mission Executives

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm Movie “The First Rosa”

4:00pm – 5:00 pm Closing Devotions:

Rev. Lloyd D. Gaines Sr.
Peace Lutheran Church
Washington, DC

Dinner on your own (Food Trucks are available on campus)

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Talent Show back at St. Paul

Friday, July 11, 2025
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(Continental Breakfast at Hotel or other local locations)

7:00 am - 8:00 am Registration opens and arrival to St. Paul

8:00am-9:00am-Opening Devotions:

Rev. Gregory T. Manning
Broadmore Community Church
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
New Orleans, LA

9:00am – 9:30 am Welcomes & Greetings:

- a. Review Agendas for Adults and Youth (youth dismissed)
- b. Introduction of honored guests, dignitaries,
- c. Greetings from Ministry Partners:
 - Pastoral Leadership Institute
 - Lutheran Hour Ministries
 - Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN
- d. Greetings from other dignitaries, community leaders

9:30 am - 11:00 am Special Ownership Presentation:

Rev. Dr. Martin Lee, BCC Advisor
Church Organizer Foundation
BCC Advancement & Ownership
Palisades Lutheran Church, Palisades, CA

11:00 am – 11:15 am BREAK

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Christian Education in Reaching The Next Generation
Concordia University Texas

Dr. Kristi Kirk, President and Dr. Donald Christian, former President

Also

Small Group Workshops: (Focused on Empowering The Next Generation)

- Lutheran Hour Ministries
- Pastoral Leadership Institute
- Reaching Immigrant Children (African and Haitian)
- Black Ministry Think Tank
- Black Lutheran Museum/Rosebud Vision
- Set A Part To Serve LCMS
- Church Organizers Foundation

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm Lunch (Food Trucks available for Lunch)
(BCC Members meet during Lunch)

1:15 pm – 1:45 pm Greetings from:

- a. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

- b. Multi-Asian Gathering
- c. Hispanic Convention
- d. Set Apart To Serve LCMS
- e. Office of National Missions LCMS
- f. B.L.A.S.T, (Concordia High School Alumni, Fort Wayne, IN),

1:45 pm - 2:45 pm Repeat Workshops

- Lutheran Hour Ministries
- Pastoral Leadership Institute
- Reaching Immigrant Children (African and Haitian)
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- Black Lutheran Museum/Rosebud Vision
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2:45 pm – 3:15 pm Carrying the Vision in preparation for the 150th Anniversary of Black Ministry, Greensboro, NC, July 2027

3:15 pm – 3:30 BREAK

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Closing Devotions:

Rev. Jeffrey P. Howell Sr.
St. Paul Lutheran Church & School
Chicago, Illinois

4:15 pm Specials: City Tour, Local Entertainment, Vendors, etc.

6:00pm – Banquet (Location)
Inspiring Body of Christ (IBOC)
7701 S. Westmoreland Road
Dallas, Texas

Saturday, July 12, 2025
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(Continental Breakfast at Hotel or other local locations)

7:00 am - 8:00 am Arrival to St. Paul

8:00am – 8:30 am Introduction of host committee, presentations,
and Announcements

8:30 am - 9:30 am - Youth Presentations

9:30 am - 11:30 am - Closing Divine Worship (Memorial Service)

Closing Preacher:

Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray

Former Executive Director Black Ministry LCMS

11:30 pm – Convocation Closing:

Announcements, Reflections, Prayer, Benediction and Sending
back into the mission field of the United States, Caribbean, Africa,
Canada, Latin America.