



Pre-Father's Day Weekend of Celebratory Events
Zion Hill Baptist Church
5301 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19139

June 7th – 9th 2019

Co-Sponsors

*Reverend Quincy C. Hobbs, Jr., Pastor
Zion Hill Baptist Church*

&

*Dr. Rufus Sylvester Lynch, ACSW, Chair
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Welcome

Col. (Ret.) Quincy C. Hobbs, Jr.



Pastor, Preacher & Teacher

Zion Hill Baptist Church

Friday, June 7th 2019

6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

Interdenominational Panel Discussion

What does Scripture Say about the Importance of Fathers in the Lives of Children and Families?

Pastor Hobbs Moderator

Panelist Include:

Imam Quaiser Abdullah, Ph.D., CPC

Imam/C00, Quba Institute & Assistant Professor, Temple University

Rev. Dr. Jay B. Broadnax

Senior Pastor, Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church
President, Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity

Rev. Dr. Malcolm T. Byrd

Associate Minister Zion Hill Baptist Church
Senior Manager, American Bible Society

Rabbi Larry Sernovitz

Founder and Executive Director
Nafshenu (Our Souls)

Deacon Anthony O. Willoughby

Director of Campus Ministry
St. Francis and St. Vincent's Home for Children

Fathers as Assets: Formal Presentation & Family Centered Workshops

Saturday, June 8, 2019

10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kirk Edward Harris

Associate Professor, Department of Urban Planning, School of Architecture and Urban Planning,
University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Program

- Welcome to Zion Hill Baptist Church... Reverend Quincy C. Hobbs, Jr.
- Invocation... Reverend Dr. Malcom T. Byrd
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker... Dr. Rufus Sylvester Lynch, ACSW – Title of Presentation: *“Fathers, Families and Healthy Communities as a Responsible Fatherhood Community Building Practice: A Model for Engaging Fathers as Assets to their Children and Communities.”*
- Social Break
- You Tube Video and Lunch

- **Workshops:**
Teens & Young Adults – *“Honor Your Parents, including Your Father”*,
Facilitated by Sister Nadine Blackwell, R.N., Member of Triumph Baptist Church



Fathers Raising Children – *“7 Skills Every Father Needs to be an Impactful Dad”*, Facilitated by Dr. Jeffrey K. Shears, Professor and Director of the Joint Master of Social Work Program at North Carolina A&T.



- **Mothers Experiencing Father Absence and/or Non-involvement, and the impact it has on them** – *“How did/does it affect your living conditions?”* Facilitated by Angela McIver, Board Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania.



Sunday, June 9, 2019

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Afternoon Fatherhood Program

Guest Speaker

Retired Professor

Clinical Psychiatry

Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences

Morehouse School of Medicine



Dr. Eugene Herrington

Title of Presentation:

***“African American Adolescent Males, Unhealed Hurt,
Hidden Loyalty and Commitment, and Large Family
Birth Order Characteristics.”***

Authors Bio Statements

Ms. Nadine Blackwell, retired educator, nurse, and low-vision specialist, has been a resident of North Philadelphia for over sixty years. She graduated from William Penn High School where her community activism was often frowned upon. Notwithstanding, she continues to this day serving her community, and beyond, by giving of her time to many liberation causes, including those that support the rights of Fathers to be engaged in the lives of their children, where safety is not an issue.

Dr. Kirk Edward Harris, MPA, JD, PHD, Esq. is CEO and Co-Designer of *Fathers, Families and Healthy Communities (FFHC)*, a citywide initiative in Chicago that seeks to strengthen the engagement of low-income non-custodial African-American fathers with their children, families and communities. Dr. Harris has sought to aggressively advance policies that more effectively support vulnerable families and communities. He is considered a national expert in the areas of public policy related to responsible fatherhood, family support practice, community building and economic development, parent-engagement and leadership and anti-poverty strategies.

Dr. Eugene Harrington, Ph.D., M.S.W., M.Div., L.C.S.W., Retired Professor at Morehouse School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences. Research interest includes African American Adolescent Males, Spirituality and HIV, and large family birth order characteristics with serious psychological distress (SPD) birth order issues. Honors and Awards to name a few include: Distinguished Service Award, National HBCU Substance Abuse Consortium; Certificate of Appreciation, Morehouse School of Medicine Training Program, Certificate of Appreciation, Historically Black Colleges and Universities Webinar Program, and Distinguished Faculty in Master's Degree Addiction Studies Program, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Ms. Angela McIver, is a champion of fair housing rights for all Americans. She joined the Fair Housing Rights Center in Southeastern Pennsylvania as Executive Director in November 2007. By 2013, she was promoted to Chief Executive Officer and elected Board Secretary. She has over 26 years of human service experience and specializes in developing institutional and organizational networking, community partnerships, and coalitions affecting adults and youths. In 2016, Angela was appointed to the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights until 2020, and she had been elected to the board of the National Fair Housing Alliance.

Dr. Jeffrey K. Shears is a joint appointed Professor in the Social Work Departments at North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University & UNC-Greensboro, where he is also the Director of the Joint Master of Social Work Program (JMSW). Dr. Shears earned his BSW and Masters in Education Administration from North Carolina A&T State University and his PhD in Social Work from the University of Denver. His research interest include father's influence on children's development, fathering in racial minority families, and working with fathers in child welfare. Dr. Shears has an extensive list of academic publications on fathering featured in national and internationally refereed journals. He is co-author of the acclaimed "*What all Dads Should Know*" (Create space Publishers, 2011).

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**Dr. Rufus Sylvester Lynch, ACSW
Commission Chair**

The Strong Families Commission's Faith-Based Agenda is to work in collaboration and harmony with and through the Faith Community of West Philadelphia, to promote greater father involvement in the lives of children and families, and to encourage children, youth and family service providers to become a part of an integrated service delivery network that improves the quality of life for residents of West Philadelphia.

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