



EXHIBITOR GUIDE

SAMUEL DEWITT PROCTOR CONFERENCE, INC.  
2025 CLERGY & LAY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Monday, February 17 – Thursday, February 20, 2025

(Pre-Conference: February 16, 2025; Post-Conference: February 21, 2025)

Statehouse Convention Center | Little Rock, AR



THERE IS NO END TO OUR RISING:  
**RESTORING OUR GLORY**  
**IN THE AGE OF ERASURE**

*“But be on guard and watch yourselves closely so that you don’t forget  
the things your eyes saw and so they never leave your mind as long as you live.  
Teach them to your children and your grandchildren”*

Deuteronomy 4:9 (CEB)

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**OUR VISION**

*Strengthening Churches ... Empowering Leaders ... Transforming Communities.  
With Vision ... By Faith ... Through Action*

**OUR MISSION**

The mission of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference (SDPC) is to nurture, support and mobilize African American faith, civic, corporate and philanthropic leaders to address critical needs of human and social justice within local, national and global communities. SDPC seeks to strengthen the individual and collective capacity of thought leaders and activists in the academy, church and community through education, advocacy and activism.

**WHO WE REPRESENT**

The African American Church represents the heartbeat of family, community and civic development in the Black community. As a faith community, the African American Church is diverse, dynamic and growing. The Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference is part of the continuing legacy of African Americans committed to both the spiritual and social justice aspects of ministry.

**ABOUT SAMUEL DEWITT PROCTOR**

*“Some pastors have given up on filling the shoes of Amos, Micah, Isaiah or Jeremiah...  
God bless those pastors who stand tall and who, in love, tell the truth. They are the  
[watchpersons] in the tower, the sentinels at the gate who can save us from total pollution.”*



The late Reverend Dr. Samuel DeWitt Proctor was Pastor Emeritus of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York City and Professor Emeritus at Rutgers University. Dr. Proctor was president of Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA and North Carolina A&T State University. He held administrative positions with the Peace Corps in Nigeria and Washington, D.C. and the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Proctor served on the governing boards of the United Negro College Fund, National Urban League and the Overseer's Visiting Committee for the Divinity School at Harvard University. He was Pastor-In-Residence for the Institute for Child Advocacy at Children's Defense Fund/Haley Farm. He was awarded honorary doctorate degrees from more than 50 colleges and universities. Dr. Proctor was a prolific writer and preacher, authoring *We Have This Ministry*, *How Shall They Hear?*, and *Sermons from the Black Pulpit*, among many others.

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#### THE CALL

We are at a perilous time in which the presumption of democracy in America, and indeed, the world is at stake. For many, the claim to “justice for all” is not a given, and efforts to foster greater equity and support the diversity of America are being thwarted or reversed. We only need to examine Project 2025 to get a sense of the growing divide in this nation. The process of experiential, educational and cultural erasure is of special significance for people of African descent in the United States. Considering all the challenges confronting this nation at this point in time, we thought it most fitting to descend upon Little Rock, Arkansas and be reminded of the transformative history of the area represented by the Central High School Little Rock Nine and the 1919 Elaine Arkansas massacre.

Once and again, our programs and workshops speak to these times to offer the framing and tools for emerging and seasoned faith leaders to navigate the issues of this present moment. We are engaged in the reconstitution of a Nation where justice is truly for all! We are stronger with a unified agenda, especially peer to peer engagement and exchange.

**YOUR presence at our 21st Annual Clergy and Lay Leaders Conference matters!**

#### SPECIAL INTEREST FORUMS

- From Generation to Generation: The Black Church as Sites of Education & Economic Empowerment
- God Talk in The Age of AI
- “How Are The Children?” Children and Youth Engagement in The Age of AI
- Pivot: Afrofuturism - We Are The Ones. [Called and Ready]
- Prophetic Preaching in the Age of the Metaverse and AI
- Sisters of the Rock: And Still We Rise, Conjuring, Co-creating and Transforming the World
- The Just Church and A Vision for Global Human Rights
- The Time is Now: Deconstructing Empire and Their Theologies

#### “BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET” HONOREES

**The Honorable Rev. Dr. Michael Battle † Mrs. Elizabeth Eckford † Rev. Dr. Forrest Harris †  
Rev. Dr. Tyrone Pitts † Rev. Dr. Gina Stewart**

#### CONFERENCE CO-DEANS

**Dr. Tamara Lewis † Dr. Michael Brandon McCormack**

# Exhibitor Benefits

\$750.00 (Education, Resource, Recruitment Tier)  
and \$1000 (Retail Tier)



- Exhibitor setup, beginning Sunday, February 16th
- Exhibiting (beginning Monday, February 17th and ending Thursday, February 20th)
- Two discounted Conference Registrations (additional cost of \$250 each)
- One six-foot table, covered and skirted, and 2 chairs
- Participant Book Signings in Exhibit Area (tentative)

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# Additional Benefits



## THE WHOVA PLATFORM:

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## 2025 EVENT VENUE

**STATEHOUSE CONVENTION CENTER**  
426 W. Markham Street • Little Rock, AR 72201

To reserve your hotel room, we recommend the Doubletree Hilton:

<https://bit.ly/2025DoubletreeReservations>

*The Statehouse Convention Center makes all arrangements for technical and electrical support in the exhibit area. Once registered, you will receive a welcome packet containing all setup information.*

Email: [conference@sdpconference.info](mailto:conference@sdpconference.info) **AND** [SDPC25@divineeventsstl.com](mailto:SDPC25@divineeventsstl.com)

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IF you decide to register through email/fax,  
please make check, money order or cashier's check payable to:

**SAMUEL DEWITT PROCTOR CONFERENCE, INC.**  
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773 548-6675 (voice) 773 548 6699 (fax)

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(Please print)

Company Name

Product/Service Description

Address

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Contact/Exhibitor Name

Position

Daytime Phone

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Website

First Time Exhibitor: Yes No

\*\*Will you require the use of electricity? Yes No

**Total number of tables requested:**

A check/money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750.00 per space) is enclosed.  
(education, resource and recruitment only)

A check/money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1000.00 per space) is enclosed.  
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Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to:  Visa  MasterCard  American Express  Discover Card

Name as it appears on card (Please print)

Billing Card Address

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