



SEMINARIAN 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**

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### THE CALL

**W**e 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 reconstituting 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!**

### SEMINARY CO-DEANS

**Dr. Tamara Lewis**  
SMU Perkins School of Theology

**Dr. Michael Brandon McCormack**  
University of Louisville

### CONFERENCE AT-A-GLANCE\*

#### **Monday, February 17, 2025**

Meditation and Self-Care Space

**General Registration Opens**

**Mandatory Seminary Session**

**Opening Ndaba**

**Opening Worship Service**

**\*\*REQUIRED: Seminary Debrief and Activities**

Exhibits

#### **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

Meditation and Self-Care Space

Registration Opens

**Tuesday Meditation**

**Ubuntu: Let’s Talk**

**Special Interest Forums**

General Secretary’s Luncheon

**Special Interest Forums**

**Evening Worship**

**REQUIRED: Seminary Debrief and Activities**

Exhibits

#### **Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

Meditation and Self-Care Space

Registration Opens

**Wednesday Meditation**

**Ubuntu: Let’s Talk**

Beautiful Are The Feet Honoree Gala

Exhibits

#### **Thursday, February 20, 2025**

Closing Service of Covenant and Communion

*\*Schedule is subject to change*

**\*\*Required Seminarian sessions are in bold.**

Check for ongoing program updates online at  
<https://sdpconference.info/2025-conference>



# SEMINARIAN CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

## Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference 2025 There Is No End To Our Rising: Restoring Our Glory In The Age Of Erasure

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Please print your name as you would like for it to appear on your conference badge.  
Please provide preferred mailing information.

Title First Name M.I. Last Name

Position

Preferred Mailing Address

City State Zip

Phone (Day) Phone (Alternate/Mobile)

Email

I am **currently** enrolled as a seminary student at:

Seminary Name

Seminary Address

City State Zip

**\*\*If you are attending the Seminary Course Intensive, are you taking the course for credit?**  Y  N

**Please identify your institution faculty advisor for Proctor 2024 (if known):**

### Congregation Size:

- <500  1000-2000  4000-8000
- 500-1000  2000-4000  8000+

### How many years have you attended the SDPC?

- First Time  6-10 Years  16 -19 Years
- 2-5 Years  11-15 Years  20+ Years

## PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTE

I am interested in information on Pre-Conference and Post-Conference Events.

## SPECIAL INTEREST FORUMS

Please select three (3) sessions (total):

- 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

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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	Registration*	Sub Total
Early Bird until Oct. 6, 2024	\$360.00	\$ _____
Oct. 2 - Nov. 26, 2024	\$382.50	\$ _____
Nov. 27, 2024 - Jan. 1, 2025 Jan. 2 - Jan. 31, 2025	\$405.00	\$ _____
Feb. 1, 2023 - On-site	\$427.50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Gen Secretary's Luncheon (w/conf)	\$ 75.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Honoree Gala (w/conference)	\$100.00	\$ _____
<b>Grand Total</b>		\$ _____

### Do you have any special dietary needs?

- Vegetarian  Vegan  Gluten-Free  None

### Do you have any special needs that need ADA accommodation?

\*includes 10% discount on registration fee for **CURRENTLY-ENROLLED** seminarians.

**ATTACH COPY OF ID AND CURRENT SCHOOL REGISTRATION (REQUIRED FOR DISCOUNT)**

Checks or money orders should be made payable to:  
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### Please charge payment to:

- Visa  MasterCard  Discover Card  American Express

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### CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

Cancellations and refund requests will only be accepted through **February 3, 2025**. Requests MUST be faxed, or e-mailed. **PLEASE NO CALLS**. The following fees will be charged for cancellations and refunds. 15% for requests **received before December 13, 2024**; 20% for requests **received before January 10, 2025**; and 30% **received before February 3, 2025**. Please allow a minimum of 4 weeks for processing.

### HOTEL INFORMATION:

**Little Rock Marriott | Little Rock, Arkansas**

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

**Doubletree Hotel by Hilton | Little Rock, Arkansas**

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

### CONFERENCE RATES END:

**Tuesday, January 27, 2025 (Marriott) and January 31, 2025 (Doubletree)**

### TRAVEL INFORMATION

Airline fares vary; search early for the best results.  
The nearest airport is **CLINTON NATIONAL AIRPORT**.

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*"Even when people call your truth a lie, tell it anyway."*

*"Do the work your soul must have."*

*-Katie Geneva Cannon*

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The late Rev. 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. 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 other books and articles.