




Bright Black Forum Presents:

	<p>Tessa Henry-Robinson is a Womanist Practical Theologian. In one of her articles published in <i>Black Theology: An International Journal</i> entitled <i>Blackness, Black Power and God Talk: A Reflection on the Black Power riots in Trinidad and Tobago in 1970</i>, she questions whether or not emancipation can be achieved through non-violence.</p>
	<p>Rev Dr. Carver Anderson is a Practical Theologian and Social Scientist. He is an Executive Director and one of the founders of the Bringing Hope Charity in Birmingham, working to support individuals and families impacted by crime and violence, both perpetrators and victims.</p>
	<p>Rev. Canon Eve Pitts has been vicar of Holy Trinity, Birchfield, Birmingham for 8 years. Previously she served 11 years at Immanuel, Highters Heath. Eve was a member of General Synod for 10 years, a period which included the historic vote in favour of the ordination of women in 1992.</p>

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Bright Black Forum is a gathering organised by Rev. Rajagopalan to encourage Black & Minority Ethnic ministers, primarily Baptists, to undertake studies at masters and doctoral level to consider teaching in theological teaching roles.



Beyond the Dream?

Marking the 50th Anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King Jr.

Date: 24th April 2018

Time: 9.45 am – 4.00pm

Venue: Highgate Baptist Church Centre, Conybere Street, Highgate, Birmingham B12 0YL

Cost: £20.00, includes lunch and refreshments.





Fifty years after the death of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, how do we regard his ministry, activism and its relevance for today? Bright Black Forum is convening a one day conference to explore and provide a more holistic and comprehensive appraisal of Rev. Dr. King's work, assess whether his non-violent struggle actually bore fruit and, whether it is a relevant mode of social action in today's context of increasing racism.

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Time	Programme	Leader/Speaker
9.45am	Arrival & Registration	
10.20am	Welcome & Opening Prayers	Rev. P. Walker
10.30m	Setting the Scene	Kumar Rajagopalan
10.40am	Historical Overview of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's work and legacy	Richard Reddie
11.05am	Questions of Clarification	
11.10am	Theological Underpinning to Dr. King's Non-Violent Resistance	Canon Dr Mukti Barton
11.35am	Questions of Clarification	
11.40am	Historical Connection from Fredrick Douglas to Howard Thurman and Dr .King, and relevance for non-violent resistance in the 21 st century .	Rev. Dr. Paul Walker
12.05pm	Questions of Clarification	
12.10pm	Listening to God's Spirit	
12.20pm	Discussion with speakers	
12.40pm	LUNCH	
1.40pm	Was Rev. Dr. King's non-violent resistance biblical or pragmatic?	Professor Anthony Reddie
2.05pm	Questions of clarification	
2.10pm	An exploration of the contribution the Black Power, Black Panther & other movements alongside Rev. Dr. King's non-violent struggle to effect change	Rev. Dr. Chigor Chike & Rev. Tessa Henry Robinson
2.40pm	Questions of clarification	
2.45pm	Comfort Break	
2.55pm	In the footsteps of Dr. King...	

	Discussion with panel of activists	
	- Rev. Dr. Carver Anderson - Rev Canon Eve Pitts - Rev. Dr. Chigor Chike	
3.40pm	Earthing it in my context...	
3.55m	Closing Prayer & Depart	

CONTRIBUTORS

	Mr Richard Reddie is a writer, researcher, cultural and religious commentator and broadcaster. He has authored numerous publications including the well-received biography of <i>Martin Luther King Jr: history maker</i> (Lion 2011).
	Canon Dr Mukti Barton a scholar in Biblical Studies, has been teaching, preaching, speaking at conferences and writing for over thirty years both nationally and internationally. She is passionate about scripture, liberation, justice and peace."
	Rev. Dr. Paul Walker is the Minister of Highgate Baptist Church, Birmingham, UK. He supervises undertaking research degrees at Urban Theology Unit in Sheffield and is the author of 'Captain Paul Cuffe (1759-1817): Nineteenth century African American Seafarer and Entrepreneur' <i>Black Theology: An International Journal</i> , Vol. 13, No.3, 2015, pp.219-229
	Professor Anthony G. Reddie is a Learning and Development Officer for the Methodist Church. He is Extraordinary Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of South Africa. He has authored numerous publications and is editor of <i>Black Theology: An International Journal</i> , the only academic periodical of its kind in the world.



Rev Dr Chigor Chike is a Church of England vicar based, in east London. He is Chair of the Anglican Minority Ethnic Network. He has authored numerous publications, including *Voices from Slavery* and *African Christianity in Britain*.