

## World Interfaith Harmony Assembly

Sunday, February 9, 2014, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. (reception to follow)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

4889 Bear Road, Liverpool, NY

Celebrated by the United Nations since 2010, the greater Syracuse community joins together each year to spread the message of harmony and understanding by showcasing and celebrating our many faith traditions through song, poetry, storytelling, and dance.

## InterFaith Leadership Awards Dinner

Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

SRC Arena & Events Center at Onondaga Community College

The Annual InterFaith Leadership Awards Dinner honors community members who embody the mission and vision of InterFaith Works and who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to career, community and faith.

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## Community Wide Dialogue to End Racism

welcomes you to the

### 2014 Racial Justice Award Ceremony and

### Syracuse Stage Preview Presentation of

### *The Whipping Man*

5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

Community Wide Dialogue's



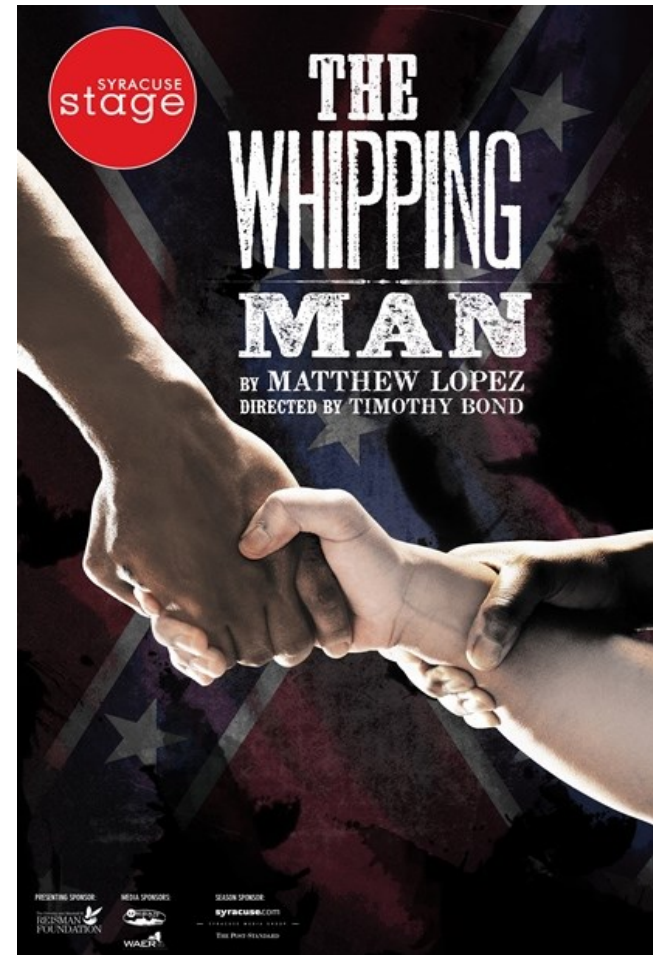
Saturday, June 7, 2014

Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Syracuse Inner Harbor

2013 Duck Race Presenting Sponsors

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In 1996 InterFaith Works' **Community Wide Dialogue to End Racism** (CWD) was launched to address one of the most complex problems facing our community. Nearly two decades later, CWD is the longest running dialogue on ending racism in the United States. Still working to end racism and repair the social, economic and emotional wounds caused by past and present racism, CWD continues to provide opportunities for honest conversations about race and racism in a format that allows participants to learn from the experiences of others. CWD engages and joins with community leaders, organizations, and individuals to develop practical recommendations and strategies for addressing institutional racism, improving race relations, and bringing about racial equity.

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Beth A. Broadway, Executive Director, InterFaith Works

**Community Wide Dialogue Staff**

Derrick L. Dorsey, Director

Karen Calenzo, Program Coordinator

Jose Cossa, Ph.D., Consultant

Kathy Ferro, Administrative Assistant

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Syracuse Stage

## The Reverend Kevin J. Agee

### 2014 Catalyst Award



Reverend Kevin Jerome Agee is a native of Washington, DC. He was the pastor of Hopps Memorial CME Church in Syracuse, New York from August of 2007 to August of 2013. Reverend Agee presently serves as the Presiding Elder of the Washington-Virginia District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and the Pastor of Bunton Memorial CME Church in Washington, DC.

Presiding Elder Agee has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Maryland in College Park and a Master of Divinity Degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. He has also done postgraduate studies at Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut.

Presiding Elder Agee was very active in the Greater Syracuse Community. He served as President of the Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse, President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Co-Chair of the ACTS Clergy Caucus and Vice President of InterFaith Works of Central New York. He was also a member of the Faith Leaders Round Table and the Community Wide Dialogue to End Racism Advisory Board. He was one of the volunteer on-call clergy for Upstate and Crouse Hospitals and was part of the Community Trauma Response Team. He was also a member of the Onondaga Citizens League Board, the United Way Board, the Emergency Food and Shelter Program Local FEMA Allocations Board, and the City of Syracuse Living Wage Advisory Committee. He served on Mayor Stephanie Miner's Transition Team, the Syracuse Citizen Review Board Legislative Review Advisory Committee, and Syracuse City School District Superintendent Sharon Contreras' Strategic Planning Team.

Reverend Agee has received awards for his social justice advocacy from the local chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity (Community Service Award), the YWCA of Syracuse and Onondaga County (Diversity Achievers Academy), the Greater Syracuse Labor Council (Friend of Labor Award), and the Syracuse Onondaga NAACP (Freedom Award). He was also recognized as a Legacy Leader by both the Gamaliel Foundation in Chicago, Illinois and the Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse for his efforts in congregation based community organizing.

Presiding Elder Agee is married to Gwendolyn Jean Wallace-Agee. They have two adult sons, Toby and Derrick, and four grandchildren, DaMonique, Kaishon, Dovon and Davin, all of whom live in Connecticut.



## **Abdulilah Al-Dubai**

### **2014 Racial Justice Award ~ Adult**

Abdulilah Al-Dubai is a native of Yemen. He was born in Taiz City and moved to Assab in Eritrea (East Africa) at the age of two as his father was a businessman. He completed his elementary education in Assab and returned to Yemen for his middle and high school education and to learn Arabic. Graduation brought him back to Eritrea where he worked as a teacher of math in an elementary school.

One constant in his growing up was a love for soccer. Mr. Al-Dubai became a world class player, being selected for the Eritrean National Team in 1996. When war broke out between Ethiopia and Eritrea, this was interrupted and he returned to Yemen. He entered Taiz University, and played on the national Yemen youth soccer team. He was later selected to play with the first National Soccer team in Yemen's history.

In May 2004, Mr. Al-Dubai came to the United States with the help of Dr. Rick Beal, a professor at SUNY-ESF, and his family. The Beal's have provided him ongoing support from the time he enrolled in Onondaga Community College, and his transfer to Le Moyne College with a full soccer scholarship. He graduated in 2008 with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Economics. He and his wife, Runa Hasan, have a daughter, Heba, who is 12 months old.

Mr. Al-Dubai is a nationality worker at Syracuse City School District during the day and volunteers as the assistant director at the North Side Learning Center in the evening.

Overcoming early obstacles and adjusting quickly to the United States culture has led Mr. Al-Dubai to give back to the Syracuse community in numerous ways. Speaking five languages -- Arabic, English, Amharic, Tigrinya and Affar -- has enabled him to communicate effectively and comfortably with many people from different countries and different cultures.

Other roles Mr. Al-Dubai has taken on since his arrival include volunteer refugee coordinator for Islamic Society of Central New York (ISCNY), cofounder of the North Side Learning Center, and a valued community mentor called on regularly by refugees and immigrants.

Abdulilah's daily commitments and constant great works are powerful models of promoting racial justice through action. He truly "walks the talk."

## **Program**

**5:30 p.m.**  
*Reception*

Entertainment provided by Signature Syracuse  
*Director, Dick Ford*

**6:00 p.m.**  
*Welcome*

Derrick L. Dorsey  
*Director, Community Wide Dialogue Program*

### ***Invocation***

The Reverend Regina Reese-Young  
*Hopps Memorial C.M.E. Church*

### ***Remarks***

Beth A. Broadway  
*Executive Director, InterFaith Works*

Charlie Beach  
*Past President, InterFaith Works Board of Directors*

Timothy Bond  
*Artistic Director, Syracuse Stage*

### ***Presentation of Awards***

Racial Justice Award ~ Youth  
*Cimone S. Jordan, Wilauer Mateo, Ella Kathleen Neville*

Racial Justice Award ~ Adult  
*Abdulilah Al-Dubai*

Catalyst Award  
*Reverend Kevin J. Agee*

### ***Closing***

The Reverend William C. Redfield  
*Community Builder, Round Table of Faith Leaders*

**7:30 p.m. Curtain - The Whipping Man**



## Cimone S. Jordan

### 2014 Racial Justice Award ~ Youth



Cimone S. Jordan is currently a junior at George W. Fowler High School. In 2013, she took part in Interfaith Works' Community Wide Dialogue. She got the chance to work with Fowler peers and students from Skaneateles High School to break down barriers between rural and urban schools. For the past two years, she has also been a part of Seeds of Peace, attending camp for two consecutive weeks each summer. While last year's session expanded on identity, this year, intense dialogue sessions equipped her with the tools needed to be an ally of first-year campers. She currently uses these skills to work with Fowler's Diversity Dialogue club. So far this school year, the club has planned poetry slams built around identity and members have worked to highlight different cultures around the school by dedicating each month to spreading knowledge about different ethnicities. Her drive for seeing the importance of being surrounded by different cultures is accredited to being from a Jamaican-American background. Seeing how the two cultures molded her, she feels it is important to allow others to openly embrace their identity.



## Ella Kathleen Neville

### 2014 Racial Justice Award ~ Youth

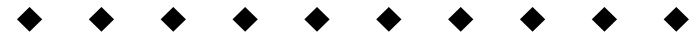
Ella Neville is a 17-year-old senior at Nottingham High School. She has been a part of Seeds of Peace in her school for three years, attended the Seeds of Peace International Summer Camp in 2012 and returned as a Peer Support Leader in 2013. Ella was a Peer Facilitator with Community Wide Dialogue this past fall and had an amazing time with her co-facilitators and dialogue group. She also volunteers regularly at Jowonio Pre-School, helping children with Cerebral Palsy, and she initiated an internship in a kindergarten class at Ed Smith School. In her spare time Ella loves to play soccer and perform in her high school's musicals. She is looking to attend SUNY Cortland this fall to study childhood education and international studies, and play soccer for the Red Dragons.

## Wilauer Mateo

### 2014 Racial Justice Award ~ Youth



Wilauer Mateo was born in the Dominican Republic. He immigrated to the United States with his mother when he was an infant. He is now a senior at the Institute of Technology at Syracuse Central and is studying in the Media Communications program. For the past two years he has worked at Nojaim Brothers Supermarket while attending high school. He is a Youth Advisor Board Member for the Near Westside Initiative. He has also participated in several community projects including the Superintendent's Cabinet, Youth Summit held at Fowler High School in 2013, Nosotros Radio, Inc. programming, the Homelessness Awareness Video Project, surveying for the Community Wide Dialogue to End Racism, the Skills USA Competition, and Teen Institute. Wilauer is passionate about building relationships, working with others to solve problems, and helping Latino youth. He is interested in working in the medical field in the future and is fluent in Spanish and English.



### Past Award Recipients

#### Lifetime Achievement Award

Sheryl Aiello - 2012  
Geneva Hayden - 2009

#### Catalyst Award

Beth Broadway - 2010

#### Racial Justice Award

Rev. Daren C. Jaime - 2013  
Gretchen Lopez - 2013  
Michael Crinnin - 2012  
Abdullahi Ibrahim - 2012  
Melanie Littlejohn - 2011  
Dr. Arcenia London - 2011

Mark Cass - 2010  
Eva Williams - 2009  
Linda Hall - 2008  
Samuel Rowser - 2008  
Imam Abdur-Rahim Muhammad - 2007  
Nathalie Quezada - 2007  
Jim Clark - 2006

#### Thank you to the 2014 Racial Justice Award Planning and Selection Committee:

Linda Brown-Robinson  
Karen Calenzo  
Bruce Carter

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