**Additional Conference Features:**

**Get Your Praise On at the Rise to Freedom Gospelfest**

Friday, July 20 6:30-9:30pm

Featuring:
L Nathan Hare, EdM.

*The Role of the Church in the African American Rise to Freedom Presentation and Book Signing*

And Musical Performances By:
Gospel Sensation, Moe Badger!
The Legendary Varsons
Henri Muhammad’s School of Music
Praise Warriors of Niagara Falls
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**1st Annual Rise to Freedom Dinner**

Saturday, July 21 6:30 - 9:30pm

Keynote Address:
Ismael Muhammad, Nation of Islam
Connecting the Dots: Where Do We Go From Here?

$25 per person

All proceeds benefit the BLAC.

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**Special Thanks To:**

**True Bethel Baptist Church**

Sunday Worship - East Location
7:45am and 9am
907 East Ferry Street

Sunday Worship - Downtown Location
11am
472 Swan Street

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Friday, July 20

MORNING THEME:
Community Building Through Faith-Based Initiatives

9am  Registration, Continental Breakfast
10am  Opening Remarks
10:30 - 11:30am  Plenary:  Rev. Dr. Kenneth Q. James, Memorial AME Zion Church
Community Transformation - Meeting the Needs of the People Today (followed by panel discussion)

11:30 - 12:30pm  Workshops:
- Rev. Arthur Boyd, Second Chance Ministries
- Faith-based Approach to Addictions & Addictive Personalities
- Sam Radford, Ill, CAO of Erie County, Inc.
- Faith-based Homeless Housing Initiatives
- Dr. Debra Terette Smith, St. John’s Baptist Church
- Praise, Party with a Purpose - Youth Development
- Rochelle Lewis, MSW, EC Dept. of Social Services
- Maria Morales-Black, MSW, EC Dept. of Social Services
- Adoption and Foster Care
- Prudence Fuller, Group Ministries
- Health Zone Project - Healing Circles
- Rev. Jemaine Hurst, Greater Emmanuel Temple
- Operationalizing the Covenant - Men to Men

AFTERNOON THEME cont’d:
The Role of the Church in the Post Civil Rights Era

3:45 - 4:45pm  Workshops:
- Rev. Darius Pridgen, True Bethel Baptist Church
  Out of the Valley of the Shadow of Death: Bringing Life to Dry Bones
- Rudolphus Bone Jr, 100 Mighty Men
- Launch of S.O.S. Campaign/Life Mapping for Youth
- Shiann Atuegbu Brown, MSW - Syracuse L.O.C.
- Cultural Keys to our Restoration
- Henri Muhammad, Muhammad School of Music
- Arts and Culture: The Life Connection
- Rev. Dr. Lorraine Peeler, Covenant of Truth Center
  New Activism
- Dr. Bruce “Hakim” Crosby, Erie Community College
  Journal Writing as a Tool of Choice for Change
- Rev. Arthur Boyd, Second Chance Ministries
- Faith-based Approach to Addictions & Addictive Personalities
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MORNING THEME cont’d:
Physical Health & Community Health:
The Vital Connection

10:45 - 12:00pm  Workshops:
- Dr. Barbara Echols
  Fearfully and Wonderfully Made
- Shiann Atuegbu Brown, MSW - Syracuse L.O.C.
  Cultural Keys to our Restoration
- Henri Muhammad, Muhammad School of Music
  Arts and Culture: The Life Connection
- Rev. Tyrone Wilson, United Church of God
  The Stolen Race
- Imam Khalif Deen Ramadan, Ed. D.
  Strategic Planning

12:00 - 1:15pm  Lunch on your own/Vendors

AFTERNOON THEME:
Rebuilding Our Nation

1:30 - 2:30pm  Video & Plenary:
- Lessons from Homicides - The Buffalo Story
  By Dr. Peter St. Jean - State University of Buffalo
- Rev. Darius Pridgen, True Bethel Baptist Church
  Let the Dead Bury the Dead: A Time for Living

2:30 - 3:45pm  Workshops:
- Rev. Dr. Richard Stenhouse, Bethel Development Corporation
  Expanding Our Economic Base - One Route To Full Empowerment
- Sam. Radford, Ill – B.L.A.C.
  A Leadership Challenge - Freed Slaves or Sovereign Citizens - Who Are We?
- Dr. Henry Taylor, UB Center for Public Study & Analysis
  Transformation from Within & Without

- Min. Abdul Halim Muhammad
  Mosque #23 and the B.L.A.C.
  “Lovest Thou Me?...Feed My Sheep.”
- Bro. Alton Roundtree, President-KLR Publishing, LLC
  Masonic Contributions To Our Rise to Freedom
- Dr. Peter St. Jean, University of Buffalo
  Faith-based Responses to the Growth of Community and School Violence

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