



host

Tavis Smiley
*Television and Radio
 Host, Author, and
 Philanthropist*

With his late night television talk show, *Tavis Smiley* on PBS, and his radio show, *The Tavis Smiley Show* from PRI, Smiley is the first African American to simultaneously host signature talk shows on both public television and radio. Smiley's television show continues now in its third season, and *The Tavis Smiley Show* on public radio is distributed by Public Radio International. Texas Southern University recently honored Smiley with the opening of The Tavis Smiley School of Communications and The Tavis Smiley Center for Professional Media Studies. Smiley offers political commentary twice weekly on the *Tom Joyner Morning Show* and has authored nine books and empowerment cards under his own imprint, Smiley Books. His latest release is *Never Mind Success... Go for Greatness!*



morning invocation

Pastor Gene A. Moore Sr.
*St. Agnes Baptist Church and
 Pearland Christian Community Church*

Bishop Gene A. Moore Sr. has touched humanity as a gifted speaker, educator, author, and community developer. For nearly 40 years, he has been an invigorating force in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ at St. Agnes Baptist Church and Pearland Christian Community Church in Houston, Texas. Moore has developed his ministry under the theme, "The March of Faith." In the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Moore opened the doors of his not-yet-completed Dome Cathedral to thousands of evacuees turning to the church for safe haven.



afternoon invocation

Dr. Joseph E. Lowery
*Chairman, Black Leadership Forum; Founder
 and President Emeritus, Southern Christian
 Leadership Conference (SCLC)*

Dr. Joseph Echols Lowery is a founder of SCLC (1957) and served as vice president until 1967, when he was nominated by Dr. King to serve as first chairman of the board. Lowery served as president and CEO until he retired in 1997. He led a number of protests and rallies including a 2,000-mile pilgrimage from Alabama to Washington. Lowery studied at Alabama A&M, Knoxville College, Payne College and Seminary, Wayne University, and Chicago Ecumenical Institute. He holds BA, BD, and DD degrees and numerous honorary doctorates.



co-host

Tom Joyner
*Radio and
 Television Host*

Tom Joyner is one of the most influential, inspirational, and dynamic personalities in the country. More than just a radio personality, Joyner is an entrepreneur, an entertainer, and a philanthropist. He is founder of REACH Media Inc., BlackAmericaWeb.com, and the Tom Joyner Foundation, and host of the leading nationally syndicated morning radio show, *Tom Joyner Morning Show*, and now the nationally syndicated *Tom Joyner Show* on television. This 2005 *Broadcasting & Cable* magazine Hall of Fame inductee also won the prestigious Marconi Award as the nation's leading network/syndicated personality.



afternoon benediction

Pastor Remus E. Wright
The Fountain of Praise

In 1991, Pastor Remus E. Wright began his pastorate and leadership of the South Post Oak Baptist Church with less than 100 members. In 2000, the church adopted the name, The Fountain of Praise, and today has more than 14,000 members. Wright received his Master of Divinity degree in Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies and Business Marketing from Martin Center University in Indianapolis, Indiana.



moderator

Michel Martin
TV and Radio Journalist

Award-winning journalist Michel Martin hosts a daily afternoon public affairs and cultural program focusing on stories of importance to African Americans, slated to launch in late 2006 on NPR. Martin also contributes to ABC News programs, including *Nightline* and *ABC News Now*. Prior to joining NPR 1996, Martin was a correspondent for ABC News's *Nightline*. Martin joined ABC News in 1992 and has contributed to a wide range of its programs and specials, including the network's award-winning coverage of September 11 and a documentary on the Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas controversy. Martin graduated cum laude from Radcliffe College at Harvard University in 1980 and did graduate work at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.



Lynnette Khalfani
Journalist and Financial Coach

A personal finance expert and money coach, Lynnette Khalfani speaks to individuals and organizations across the country that want to be educated about debt elimination, credit and money management, financial planning, and investing. A veteran and award-winning financial news journalist, Khalfani's financial experience spans nearly 15 years. Khalfani holds a bachelor of arts degree from University of California, Irvine, and a master of arts in broadcast journalism from the University of Southern California. She is a two-time winner of the Dow Jones International Newswire Award.



U.S. Secretary Alphonso Jackson
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Secretary Alphonso Jackson is guiding the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in its mission to provide affordable housing and promote economic development. Jackson first joined the Bush administration in June 2001 as HUD's deputy secretary and chief operating officer. As deputy secretary, Jackson managed the day-to-day operations of the \$32 billion agency and instilled a new commitment to ethics and accountability within HUD's programs and among its workforce and grant partners. Jackson holds a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in education from Truman State University. He received his law degree from Washington University School of Law.



Ulysses L. "Junior" Bridgeman Jr.
President, Manna, Inc.

Ulysses L. "Junior" Bridgeman Jr. is the owner and president of Manna, Inc. He oversees the administration and operation of 160 Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburger Restaurants in five states. From 1975-1983 and again from 1986-1987, Bridgeman played professional basketball with the Milwaukee Bucks. During 1983-1986, he played for the Los Angeles Clippers. Bridgeman is actively involved in the Louisville community, where he serves on the board of directors of Fifth Third Bank and as the capital campaign cochair for the African American Heritage Foundation. Bridgeman received his BA in psychology from the University of Louisville.



Julianne Malveaux, Ph.D.
*President and CEO,
 Last Word Productions, Inc.*

Dr. Julianne Malveaux, an economist, author, and commentator, is the president and CEO of Last Word Productions, Inc., a multimedia production company. Recognized for her provocative, progressive, and insightful observations, Malveaux has helped shape public opinion in 21st-century America with her contributions to the public dialogue on issues such as race, culture, gender, and their economic counterparts. As a writer and columnist, her work appears regularly in *USA Today*, *Black Issues in Higher Education*, *Ms. magazine*, *Essence*, and *The Progressive*. A committed activist and civic leader, Malveaux serves on several boards including the Economic Policy Institute, the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, and Women Building for the Future—Future PAC. Malveaux holds BA and MA degrees in economics from Boston College and a PhD in economics from MIT.



Michelle Singletary
Financial Columnist

Michelle Singletary is the personal financial guru for NPR's *Day to Day*. Singletary also writes the award-winning syndicated "The Color of Money" column for *The Washington Post* and is a regular contributor to Howard University's evening news radio program, "Insight," on which she discusses personal finance issues. Prior to becoming a columnist, Singletary covered local and national banking for the *Post*. In 2004, Random House published her first book, *Seven Money Mantras for a Richer Life: How to Live Well With the Money You Have*. Singletary hosts her own weekly half-hour personal finance show on the TV One network.



Keith I. Millner
*Senior Vice President,
 Nationwide Financial*

As senior vice president and leader of Nationwide Financial's in-retirement business segment, Keith I. Millner is responsible for Nationwide Financial Network, 1717 Capital Management Corporation, Nationwide Investment Services Corporation, Nationwide Trust Company, and the immediate annuity product line. Previously, Millner held senior leadership positions at CIGNA Healthcare, Assurant, and NationsBank. Millner earned his bachelor's degree in economics and his MBA in marketing. He completed advanced study in information technology and business strategy at IESE University of Navarra.



The Rev. Dr. Floyd H. Flake
*Pastor, Greater Allen
 A.M.E. Cathedral*

Former U.S. Congressman Reverend Dr. Floyd H. Flake serves more than 20,000 members as senior pastor of Greater Allen A.M.E. Cathedral of New York in Jamaica, Queens. He is also the president of Wilberforce University in Ohio. During his 11 years in Congress, Flake was a member of the Small Business Committee and the Banking and Finance Committee. He authored provisions named the Black Enterprise Act (BEA) for the Community Development Financial Institutions Act of 1993. Flake is also the author of the best-selling book, *The Way of the Bootstrappers: Nine Action Steps for Achieving Your Dreams*.



Harriet R. Michel
*President,
 National Minority Supplier
 Development Council*

Harriet R. Michel is a noted administrator and public policy expert on minority issues with over 30 years of service addressing major social concerns. As president of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), Michel oversees a private nonprofit organization that expands opportunities for minority-owned companies. NMSDC encourages mutually beneficial economic links between minority suppliers and the public and private sectors, and helps build a stronger, more equitable society by supporting and promoting minority business development. Before joining NMSDC, Michel was president and chief executive officer of the New York Urban League.



Marc H. Morial
*President and CEO
 National Urban League*

Since assuming the helm of the National Urban League, Marc Morial has worked to reenergize the movement's diverse constituencies by increasing the organization's profile locally and nationally and by increasing public awareness of the good work and name of the National Urban League. During his inaugural keynote address, Morial laid out an ambitious "Empowerment Agenda" covering issues of importance to people of color including economic empowerment, civic engagement, and racial justice. Previously, Morial served two distinguished four-year terms as mayor of New Orleans and two years in the Louisiana State Senate.



Najee McGreen
*Chairman/President and CEO,
 Techmaster Computer Works*

Founded in 2001, Techmaster Computer Works specializes in high-tech computer design and development, Internet security, IT transfer systems, and high-end support. Najee McGreen serves as its chairman/president and CEO while he attends Johns Hopkins University as a freshman, studying biotechnology, computer science, and business. McGreen is the first-place winner of Fleet Bank's youth entrepreneur award and the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship's business competitions. He is a member of the U.S. National Honor Society, a member of the U.S. Chess Federation, and a national chess champion.





Dr. Na'im Akbar
*Psychologist, Scholar,
and Author*

Essence magazine described Dr. Na'im Akbar as “one of the world’s preeminent psychologists and a pioneer in the development of an African-centered approach in modern psychology.” In recognition of his accomplishments, the mayors of Atlantic City, New Jersey; Cleveland, Ohio; Jackson, Mississippi; and Cincinnati, Ohio; have declared “Na'im Akbar Days.” He has authored many books, including *Breaking the Chains of Psychological Slavery*, *The Community of Self*, *Visions for Black Men*, *Know Thyself*, and his most recent title, *Akbar Papers in African Psychology*. Akbar is currently on the faculty at Florida State University in Tallahassee.



**U.S. Representative
Sheila Jackson Lee**
D-TX

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee’s swearing-in as a member of the 108th Congress marks her fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Hailed by *Ebony* magazine as one of the “100 Most Fascinating Black Women of the Century” and by *Congressional Quarterly* as one of the 50 most effective members in Congress, she has distinguished herself as a staunch defender of the Constitution, civil rights and juvenile justice, protection of America’s health needs, gun safety and responsibility, and economic empowerment for low- and middle-income America. Lee serves in the House committees on the Judiciary, Science, and Homeland Security. She received her undergraduate degree from Yale University, graduating from the honors program in political science. Lee received her juris doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law.



Raymond M. Brown
*Trial Lawyer, Teacher, and
Legal Journalist*

Raymond M. Brown is a partner with his father in the law firm of Brown and Brown, a visiting professor and research scholar at Seton Hall University Law School, and host of the Emmy Award-winning New Jersey network program *Due Process*. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a member of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. Brown has been a guest on many television and radio programs, including ABC’s *World News Tonight*, *Rivera Live*, and on the BBC.



U.S. Rep. Melvin L. Watt
(D-NC)

In 1992, Melvin L. Watt was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, becoming one of only two African American members elected from North Carolina. As a member of the House Financial Services Committee, Watt serves on the Financial Institutions Subcommittee; the Domestic and International Monetary Policy Subcommittee; and the Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises Subcommittee. He also holds a seat on the House Judiciary Committee. In December 2004, Watt was unanimously elected chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus. Prior to his public service, Watt practiced law and was a small-business owner.



Wade Henderson
*Executive Director, Leadership
Conference on Civil Rights*

Wade Henderson is executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and counsel to the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund. The organization is the nation’s premier civil and human rights coalition, created to promote the passage and implementation of civil rights laws designed to end discrimination and achieve equal opportunity for all Americans. Henderson works on issues involving nationwide election reform, federal judicial appointments, public education reform, hate crimes, criminal justice reform, issues of immigration and refugee policy, and human rights. Previously, he was Washington bureau director of the NAACP. He also served as associate director of the Washington national office of the ACLU, where he began his career as legislative counsel. Henderson is a graduate of Howard University and the Rutgers University School of Law.



Angela Glover Blackwell
President, PolicyLink

Angela Glover Blackwell is president of PolicyLink, a national nonprofit research, communications, capacity-building, and advocacy organization. PolicyLink is committed to “Lifting Up What Works®” by advancing a new generation of policies to achieve economic and social equity based on the wisdom, voice, and experience of local leaders who are shaping successful solutions to national problems. Prior to founding PolicyLink, Blackwell served as senior vice president for the Rockefeller Foundation, directing its domestic and cultural divisions and developing the Next Generation Leadership and Building Democracy programs. Blackwell is also coauthor of *Searching for the Uncommon Common Ground: New Dimensions on Race in America*. Blackwell earned a bachelor’s degree from Howard University and a law degree from the University of California at Berkeley.



Dr. Cornel West
*Author and
Princeton University Professor*

Prior to his professorship at Princeton University, Dr. Cornel West held positions at Union Theological Seminary, Yale University, Harvard University, and the University of Paris. One of America’s most gifted and provocative public intellectuals, West has written numerous books, including *Democracy Matters*, *Race Matters*, *The American Evasion of Philosophy*, and *The Cornel West Reader*. His *Beyond Eurocentrism and Multiculturalism* (Volumes 1 and 2) won the American Book Award. His latest project is *Street Knowledge*, a spoken-word compilation CD. West is also a guest lecturer at colleges and universities across the country.



Yolande Cornelia “Nikki” Giovanni Jr.
Writer, Educator, and Activist

Yolande Cornelia “Nikki” Giovanni Jr. is a world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist, and educator. Over the past thirty years, Giovanni’s outspokenness has brought the eyes of the world upon her, and her devotion and passion has inspired her students, readers, and audiences nationwide. Giovanni has written more than two dozen books, including volumes of poetry, illustrated children’s books, and three collections of essays. She has received 21 honorary doctorates and a host of other awards. Since 1987, she has taught writing and literature at Virginia Tech, where she is a University Distinguished Professor.



Jennette B. Bradley
Ohio Treasurer of State

As Ohio's Treasurer of State, Jennette B. Bradley provides the experience and leadership necessary to ensure the safety, liquidity, and yield of the public funds under her authority. Bradley made U.S. history in 2002 when she became the nation's first African American woman elected to the office of lieutenant governor. While serving as lieutenant governor, she was also the director of the Ohio Department of Commerce. Previously, Bradley was a member of the Columbus City Council for 11 years. She also served as executive director of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority.



Harry Belafonte
Actor, Musician, Producer, and Activist

Harry Belafonte's legendary career traverses theater, music, television and film. As an activist, Belafonte was first appointed by President Kennedy as cultural advisor for the Peace Corps. Disturbed by cruel events unfolding in Africa because of war, famine and drought, Belafonte set in motion the wheels that led to "We Are the World" on January 28, 1985. In 1987, Belafonte accepted the appointment as UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador. Later, Belafonte was the first recipient of the Nelson Mandela Courage Award and was honored at the White House with the 1994 National Medal of Arts. Belafonte continues to devote himself globally to civil and human rights issues.



The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan
Nation of Islam

The Nation of Islam under the leadership of Louis Farrakhan is the catalyst for the growth and development of Islam in America. In 1955, Farrakhan, born Louis Eugene Walcott, left a successful career in music to dedicate his life to the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Rising to the rank of minister, Farrakhan led Temple No. 11 in Boston, building it into one of the strongest temples in the Nation. In 1965, following the death of Malcolm X, Farrakhan was appointed to lead Temple No. 7 in New York City. More recently, Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam organized the successful Million Man March. Farrakhan continues to lecture across the country and around the world, sharing pulpits with Christian ministers and being received by many heads of state including South African President Nelson Mandela.



Kimberle Williams Crenshaw
Professor, UCLA Law School and Columbia University

Kimberle Crenshaw has written articles about civil rights, racism and the law, and Black feminist legal theory. Her work has appeared in the *Harvard Law Review*, *National Black Law Journal*, *Stanford Law Review*, and *Southern California Law Review*. In 1996, she co-founded the African-American Policy Forum to highlight the centrality of gender in racial justice discourse. Her work on race and gender was influential in drafting of the equality clause in the South African Constitution. She was a member of the National Science Foundation's committee to research violence against women, and assisted the legal team representing Professor Anita Hill. She is an ACLU Ira Glasser Fellow (2005-2007), a Fulbright Distinguished Chair (Brazil), and was named one of *Essence's* "35 Most Remarkable Women." A regular commentator on *The Tavis Smiley Show* from PRI, Crenshaw received her Bachelor's Degree from Cornell and law degree from Harvard.



Dr. Ian Smith
Medical Doctor and Author

Dr. Ian Smith is a medical contributor to ABC’s nationally syndicated *The View*, a medical columnist for *Men’s Health* magazine, and a medical/diet expert on VH1’s *Celebrity Fit Club*. Smith graduated from Harvard College with a BA and received his MS from Columbia University. He attended Dartmouth Medical School and completed the last two years of his medical education and graduated from the University of Chicago Prizker School of Medicine. Smith is also the author of four books, including his most recent release, *The Fat Smash Diet*.



Kamala D. Harris
San Francisco District Attorney

In December 2003, Kamala D. Harris was elected as the first woman district attorney in San Francisco history and as the first African American woman in California history to hold the office. Harris was a successful prosecutor in Alameda County and San Francisco. She also served in the San Francisco district attorney’s office as the managing attorney of the Career Criminal Unit from 1998 to 2000. She then served as the head of the San Francisco Attorney’s Division on Families and Children. Harris attended Howard University and Hastings College of Law.



James H. Shelton III
*Program Director, Education
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

James H. Shelton III serves as program director of the education division at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation where he manages the foundation’s new school creation, school improvement, and college access programs. The foundation, established in 1994, supports initiatives across four distinct areas: education, global health, libraries, and community giving. Immediately prior, Shelton was a partner and the East Coast lead for the New Schools Venture Fund. Shelton holds a bachelor’s degree in computer science from Morehouse College and a master’s degree in business administration from Stanford University.



Victor L. Marsh II
*Recipient, Emerging
Influences Award*

Victor L. Marsh II graduated in June 2005 from the international relations program at Stanford University with honors in international security studies. He is currently a student at Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, working toward his master’s degree in public affairs. In 2007, he will join the Department of State as a foreign service officer. Marsh is the recipient of the U.S. Department of State’s Thomas R. Pickering Fellowship and the U.S. Department of Defense’s Boren Award. In August 2005, Tavis Smiley awarded him the Urban League’s *Urban Influence* magazine’s “Emerging Influencers” award.



Malia Lazu
Director
Racial Justice Campaign

As director of the Racial Justice Campaign, Malia Lazu is responsible for recruiting, training, and supporting candidates of color who are running for state and local offices. She has been recognized by the Massachusetts State Senate and House for her role in increasing voter turnout in Boston. In 2001, Lazu was listed in *Boston* magazine as one of the most powerful minorities in Boston. A graduate of Emerson College, Lazu is coauthor of *How to Get Stupid White Men Out of Office*.



Trish Millines Dziko
Co-founder and Executive Director
Technology Access Foundation

Trish Millines Dziko received a computer science degree from Monmouth University. Her desire to find the right niche in this ever-changing field motivated her to leave corporate America and start the Technology Access Foundation (TAF). TAF's mission is to bring technology to underserved communities of color. TAF offers programs that give students everything from basic computer fluency and technical skills to technical internships and preparation for higher education. Dziko has received numerous awards for her work and, in June 2001, she received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Seattle University.



Jerome Ringo
Chair, Board of Directors,
National Wildlife Federation

On April 2, 2005, Jerome Ringo became chair of the board of directors of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), the first African American to hold such a post with a major national conservation organization. Both as a former board member of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation and now at the NWF, Ringo seeks to reach out to the communities he loves. "Leading the power and commitment behind America's conservation organization dedicated to protecting wildlife is an honor and a challenge I eagerly anticipate," says Ringo.



Rev. Jamal-Harrison Bryant
Pastor, Empowerment Temple

Rev. Jamal-Harrison Bryant is the founder and pastor of Empowerment Temple, the fastest growing AME church in the nation. In its first 14 months, Empowerment Temple's membership grew from 43 to 2,500. Bryant is also the host of Baltimore's number one rated Sunday talk show, *Keepin' It Real*. Previously, Bryant was the director of the Youth and College Division of the NAACP. There he spearheaded the "Stop the Violence, Start the Love Crusade." Bryant graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta and earned a master's of divinity degree from Duke University.



Dr. Eddie S. Glaude Jr.
Associate Professor of Religion,
Princeton University

Eddie S. Glaude Jr. is associate professor of Religion and Acting Director of the Program in African American Studies at Princeton University. He is also editor of *Is it Nation Time? Contemporary Essays on Black Power and Black Nationalism* and co-editor of *African American Religious Thought: An Anthology*. He is the author of *Exodus! Religion, Race, and Nation in Early 19th Century Black America*. Glaude received his BA from Morehouse College and his MA and Ph.D. from Princeton University.



Walter Mosley
Author

Walter Mosley is the author of 24 critically acclaimed books. Two movies have been made from his work, including the 1995 TriStar release of *Devil in A Blue Dress*. He has won numerous awards including the Anisfield Wolf Award, an honor given to works that increase the appreciation and understanding of race in America, and The Sundance Institute “Risktaker Award.” With City College of New York, Mosley created a new publishing degree program aimed at young urban residents. He serves on the boards of the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival, The Poetry Society of America, and TransAfrica.



Dr. Roland Gerhard Fryer Jr.

Dr. Roland Gerhard Fryer Jr. is a Junior Fellow with The Harvard Society of Fellows and a Faculty Research Fellow with the National Bureau of Economic Research. He is the author of several papers including “Categorical Cognition: A Psychological Model of Categories and Identification in Decision Making,” “Falling Behind,” “Education Next,” and “Acting White.” Fryer received his B.A. magna cum laude in Economics from The University of Texas at Arlington and his Ph.D. in Economics from The Pennsylvania State University.



Shola Lynch
Documentary Filmmaker

Filmmaker Shola Lynch learned the craft of documentary-making on the job. She worked with Ken Burns and Florentine Films on the Peabody Award-winning *Frank Lloyd Wright* and the ten-part *Jazz* series. Lynch’s directorial debut, *Chisholm ’72—Unbought & Unbossed*, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival (2004), toured the world on the festival circuit, aired on PBS’s *P.O.V.* series (2005), was nominated for two Independent Spirit Awards, and is being distributed on DVD/VHS by Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment. Lynch is currently developing a feature-length documentary on Angela Davis with the working title of *Free Angela & All Political Prisoners*.




Reverend Al Sharpton
*Civil Right Activist
 Founder and President,
 National Action Network*

Reverend Al Sharpton is one of America's foremost leaders on civil rights. For more than two decades he has played a major role in virtually every significant movement for civil liberty, community empowerment, and economic equality. As founder and president of the National Action Network, Sharpton heads an organization that fights for progressive people-based policies against the rising conservative trend. Joined by former New York City Mayor Ed Koch and Harvard law professor Charles Ogletree, he formed "Second Chance," a program for nonviolent felony offenders who have served their prison sentences. The story of Sharpton's career is recounted in his autobiography, *Go and Tell Pharaoh*.



Bishop Harry R. Jackson Jr.
*High Impact Leadership Coalition,
 Hope Christian Church*

Bishop Harry R. Jackson Jr., a national evangelical Christian leader, is president and chairman of the High Impact Leadership Coalition and senior pastor of Hope Christian Church in the Washington DC area. The High Impact Leadership Coalition is a grassroots organization that seeks to close the gap between righteousness and justice from a biblical perspective in America. The recent unveiling and nationwide promotion of its "Black Contract with America on Moral Values" features six key areas: the reconstruction of the family (including biblical, traditional marriage), wealth creation in urban areas, education reform, prison reform, healthcare reform and African relief. Jackson has authored four books including *In-Laws*, *Outlaws* and *The Functional Family* and the Christian Booksellers Association's February 2004 best-seller, *The Warrior's Heart*. Jackson has appeared on the *CBS Nightly News*, *BET*, *The O'Reilly Factor* on Fox, and *TBN*.



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