

Simmons President to Speak at Prestigious Hampton Conference

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Dr. Kevin W. Cosby, president of Simmons College of Kentucky and senior pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church of Louisville, Kentucky, has been invited to preach at the 92nd Annual Hampton University Ministers' Conference this year, in Hampton, Virginia.

The June 4-9th conference which focuses on the tradition of worship in the African-American church, is the most revered and largest gathering of African-American church leaders in the world, representing more than 6,000 churches. It is held in conjunction with the Choir Directors', Organists' Guild Workshop and unites pastors, musicians, and other ministers from around the world in fellowship.

The opportunity to speak at the conference is strictly by invitation only, and is an extreme honor for any minister. "It is an extraordinary privilege to be invited to speak at such an important and historical conference. I'm proud to represent my state and to bring national exposure to Simmons College of Kentucky, in such an illustrious venue." says Dr. Cosby. "This is as exciting as a classical pianist being asked to perform a concert in Carnegie Hall."

The weeklong conference, with the theme this year of, "A Call to Celebration and Consecration", includes workshops, presentations from leading ministers, and musical performances from some of the world's best musicians.

Dr. Cosby will be in the company of other esteemed guest preachers such as Rev. Mack King Carter, senior pastor of New Mount Olive Baptist Church of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Dr. Robert Smith, Professor of Preaching at Samford University of Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. W. Darin Moore, pastor of Greater Centennial AME Zion Church of Mt. Vernon, New York; Dr. William Epps, senior pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California, and editor of the National Baptist Voice; and Pastor Rita Twiggs, director of discipleship at The Potter's House in Dallas, Texas. Bishop Kenneth Ulmer, senior pastor of Faith Community Church in Inglewood, California, will be the conference preacher.

This is a well-deserved honor for such an outstanding minister and leader as Dr. Cosby. The African-American Christian community of Metro Louisville as well as the entire state should be very proud.