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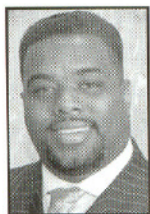
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20 TO WATCH

These 20 outstanding young African American ministers under the age of 40 are playing a major role in helping to shape the future direction of the African American Church.



SELWYN Q. BACHUS was born in Helena, Arkansas, but was reared in the vicinity of Kansas City, Kansas. After answering his call to ministry at the age of eighteen, he received a Bachelor of Science in education from Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas, in 1990, and taught for two years in the Kansas City, Kansas, Public Schools.

Tuckahoe Baptist Association of Virginia. He has also served as the financial secretary and the second vice-president of the Baptist Minister's Conference of Richmond and Vicinity. Currently he is a member of the Dayton Baptist Ministers and Pastors Union, the Northwestern District Association, and the Ohio Baptist General Convention. He was recently elected as the statistical secretary of the Ohio Baptist General Convention. He

context of racial and social violence.

In addition to these academic pursuits, Dr. Callahan maintains an active preaching and teaching schedule.



MONICA A. COLEMAN is an ordained elder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She earned her undergraduate degree in Afro-American studies at Harvard University and

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Dr. Coleman is author of *The Dinah Project: A Handbook for Congregational Response to Sexual Violence* (Pilgrim Press). The book is based on her experience as founder and former coordinator of "The Dinah Project" at Metropolitan Interdenominational Church in Nashville, Tennessee, where she addressed sexual violence from a faith perspective. A survivor of rape, Rev. Coleman became committed to providing church responses to sexual violence in 1996. Since that time, she has given presentations on church responses to sexual violence throughout the country. Her diverse audiences have included social service workers, law enforcement, clergy, laity, full congregations, and undergraduate students.

Monica has also worked as a freelance writer. Her articles have been published in a variety of publications, including *Essence*,

The A.M.E. Review, *horizonMag.com*, *The African American Pulpit*, *Soundings*, and *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, as well as in *The Women of Color Study Bible*, *Say Amen: African American Family Book of Prayer*, and *Higher Learning: Reading and Writing about College*.



WILLIAM H. CURTIS A native of Baltimore, Maryland, William H. Curtis accepted the call to ministry at age seventeen. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in religious studies and philosophy

from Morgan State University, a Master of Divinity from the Howard University School of Divinity, and a Doctor of Ministry from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

In 1997, Rev. Curtis was called to the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he is now senior pastor. Since Rev. Curtis's arrival at Ararat, the church has grown from four hundred members to more than 7,100 in attendance at four worship services. His ministry has led to several landmark events at Mt. Ararat, including the formation of a Community Development Corporation to minister to the Greater Pittsburgh area. He also implemented a community tithe program that returns more than 10 percent of the congregation's offering to the community.

In 2001, he founded William H. Curtis Ministries in an effort to expand his ministry throughout the United States and abroad. Rev. Curtis's gifts and his willingness to serve have earned him participation in a national thinktank with former President William Clinton, inclusion in the book *Outstanding Black Sermons, Volume Four*, edited by Walter S. Thomas, and the opportunity to minister in countless political and community forums throughout the city of Pittsburgh,