

SPECIAL THANKS

The United Christian Leadership Ministry (UCLM) organization would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the UCLM organization at large; and to all who made a financial contribution, worked on a committee, and or assisted in any manner to make the Community Police Summit VI a total success. Words cannot express our gratitude and we look forward to working with you in the future as we move forward to improve our police, community, parent, and school relationships.



LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Lift every voice and sing
Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.
Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
'Til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.



UNITED CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP MINISTRY
OF WESTERN, NEW YORK, INC.

UCLM'S COMMUNITY POLICE SUMMIT VI STRAIGHT TALK:

VIOLENCE OR NON-VIOLENCE? YOU CHOOSE

JUNE 15TH, 2023 | 8:00 AM — 3:00 PM

JUNE 16TH, 2023 | 8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

334 CLARISSA ST, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14608

REVEREND DR. DWIGHT FOWLER, PRESIDENT

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DAY II PANELISTS



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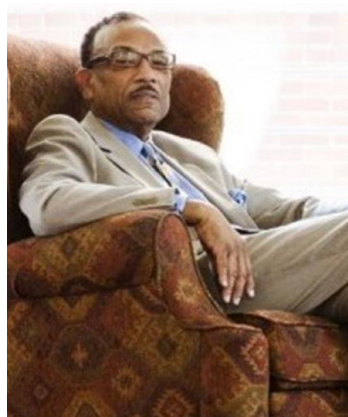


Reverend Dr. Dwight Fowler became United Christian Leadership Ministry's (UCLM) president in January 2023. Dr. Fowler expresses his vision for his role in theological terms: "To pursue the Beloved Community as a drum major for justice." This perspective is a derivative of his lifelong motto: "Find the need and meet it." The latter is in the context of UCLM's long-standing focus areas of criminal justice reform, community-police relations, gun violence prevention, advocacy, and parent-youth engagement.

Dr. Fowler has been a part of UCLM since its founding. His uncompromising support of Reverend Lewis Stewart as he defined UCLM's role in the community was pivotal to the group's existence. As First Vice President, Dr. Fowler assisted in building the organization

and participated in making an impact on Monroe County law enforcement agencies. For example, he chaired the Public Safety Interview committee, which ultimately led to including citizens in the hiring process of Rochester Police officers. Under his leadership, the committee members developed questions that would be used for the citizen-based interview team which became a clearinghouse for officer candidates.

Building on UCLM's established foundation and collaborating with other organizations, Dr. Fowler hopes to expand and broaden UCLM's scope to include empowering parents to participate in its ministries and championing social justice causes. His dedication to involving parents stems from his experience in the Rochester City School District, where in 1996 he served as a parent advocate and over time advanced to the position of Director of Parent and Community Involvement. In that role, he managed parent engagement programs, promoted "No Child Left Behind" legislation as well as supervised the team responsible for facilitating a variety of parenting workshops and implementing a fatherhood initiative. He has also facilitated group training on violence prevention, peer mediation, and how parents can most effectively organize to get necessary resources and support.



Reverend Lewis W. Stewart, Jr., Emeritus was a board member of United Church Ministries, Inc. and served as the Coordinator and Organizer of the Black Family Life Conferences 1 and 2 in 1976 and 1977. He was a coordinator for the Rochester Black Political Convention in 1978 and the Coordinator and Organizer for the Black-Hispanic Political Conference in Newburgh, New York. He was a delegate to the National Black Political Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1974, and a delegate to the New York State Black Political Assembly in 1975. He was a contributing essayist for About Time Magazine which was owned by publishers Jim and Carolyn Blount. He was host of RISE television program in the early 90's. From 1988 - 1992, Rev. Stewart was the Pastor and Protestant Chaplain for the New York State Department of Corrections at Groveland Correctional Facility, and from 2000 - 2009, he was the Pastor and Protestant Chaplain at Five

Points Correctional Facility, a maximum-security prison in Romulus, New York. As Chaplain, he fought for prison reform and advocated on behalf of inmates. Locally, advocated on behalf of Brenda Hardaway when no one else spoke up on her behalf, Rickey Bryant and Chris Pate and others.

Prior to the rebellion in Ferguson, Rev. Stewart advocated for the use of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) to aid in improving Community-Police Relations. He also served as Co-chair of the Rochester Coalition for Police Reform and the Police Accountability Board Organizing Committee. In these capacities, he and other team members researched, developed and drafted policies for the Body Worn Camera program. Presently, some of the policies became part of the Rochester Police Department Policy Manual. UCLM and the Rochester Coalition for Police Reform are still engaged in advocating for stronger policies. In November of 2017, Mayor Lovely Warren and Rev. Stewart signed a Memorandum of Understanding creating the Community Justice Advisory Board. The purpose was to monitor the utilization of BWCs and make recommendations.



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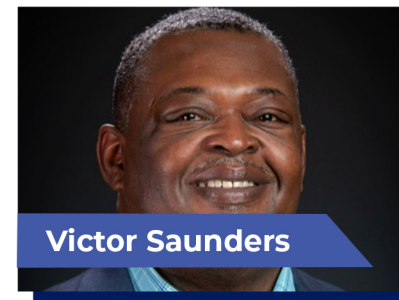
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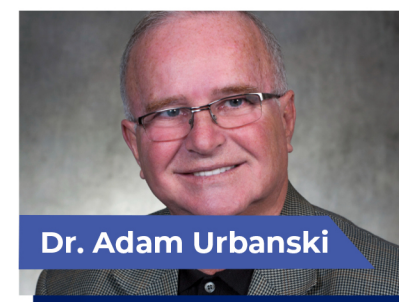
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DAY I PARTICIPANTS

HISTORY OF UCLM ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Jeri Dube



Mayor Malik Evans



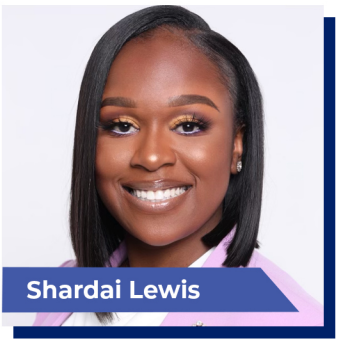
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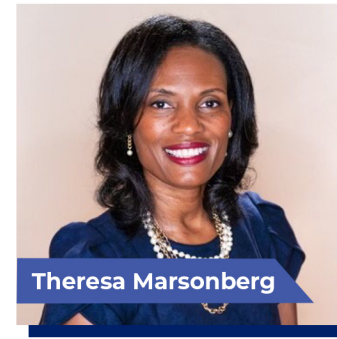
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Dr. Marlowe Washington



Dr. Jason Willis

TIMELINE OF MILESTONES

August, 2013 – Rev. Lewis W Stewart Jr., Rev. Dr. Dwight Fowler, Rev. Dr. John S. Walker, Rev. Dr. Richard Rice, Rev. David Stewart, Rev. Steven Wilson, and Rev. James McEwan founded UCLM. It was an outgrowth of an earlier social justice organization, the United Church Ministry.

March, 2014 – As UCLM’s first president, Reverend Stewart and UCLM publicly defended Brenda Hardaway who was five months pregnant when she was harshly treated by an RPD officer. Although the officer’s actions were deemed lawful, Reverend Stewart, UCLM supported by a group of clergy, raised awareness of police misconduct and the miscarriage of justice by filing a complaint when Supreme Court Justice Francis Affronti raised Hardaway’s bail from \$7,500 to \$25,000.

Fall, 2015 – Organized UCLM’s Light the Way Gun Violence Prevention Awareness Initiative by joining forces with Lentory Johnson, whose son was murdered in the drive-by shooting at the Boys & Girls Club in August, as well as Minister Kenneth Muhammad of Muhammad’s Mosque. Light the Way provided a curriculum for after school program in Rochester’s recreation centers and runs an annual youth essay contest in conjunction with Generational Engagement Matters.

Summer, 2016 – Held the first UCLM Community-Police Summit to discuss allegations of harassment and excessive force by law enforcement against People of Color. Former Chief Mark Henderson of the Brighton Police Department and at that time Chair of the Monroe County Law Enforcement Council came together with former Chiefs Richard Tantalio of Irondequoit, Pat Phelan of Greece, Michael Ciminelli of RPD as well as others to dialogue and build trust. There has been a total of five summits, with a sixth one planned for June, 2023.

August, 2016 – UCLM successfully advocated to restore \$500k in funding for the Office of Adult and Career Education Services (OACES) through a series of meetings with Renee Turner and Rochester City School District stakeholders.

December, 2016 – Held a press conference supporting Rickey Bryant, a teenager who had been brutally beaten by six RPD officers as six others watched, in a case of mistaken identity. Reverend Stewart announced that Bryant, still suffering from headaches and PTSD, would sue the Rochester Police Department. Bryant received a \$360,000 settlement.

December, 2016 – UCLM led the influence campaign that ultimately led to Mayor Lovely Warren ending Rochester’s red light camera program despite the objections of the insurance industry.

November, 2017 – Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mayor Lovely Warren creating the Community Justice Advisory Board, as a means of monitoring the Rochester Police Department’s use of body-worn cameras and making policy recommendations. A new MOU was signed in December 2022 by Rochester Mayor Malik Evans, Rochester Police Chief David Smith, and UCLM’s Rev. Lewis W. Stewart and Rev. Dr. Dwight Fowler.

2019– Advocated and consulted for legislation that required civilian review of police misconduct as well as ongoing calls for transparency and accountability. This led to the establishing Rochester’s Police Accountability Board.

December, 2020 – Responded with police reform and reinvention recommendations for the Mayor’s Working Group on Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 203. Two recommendations have been implemented:

- Use of body-worn cameras for all area police agencies (Now in place at Monroe County Sheriff’s office, Rochester Police Department and Brighton Police Department)
- A Civilian Review Panel giving citizens the power to interview and assess candidates for the Police Academy before agencies commit and invest in them. The panel will assess applicants’ attitudes, experience, cultural fit, and implicit biases, to determine their fitness to serve as police officers with ethics, integrity and non-racist attitudes and behaviors. (Now in place in Brighton Police Department and RPD).

April, 2022 – Completed the pilot of the Judicial Observation Project, which employed trained observers to give feedback on implicit bias to volunteer judges of New York State’s Seventh Judicial Administrative District. This unique program, to our knowledge, is the first of its kind in the nation. Following the successful pilot, the program is continuing in 2023.

July, 2022 – Held a press conference presenting solid data to debunk politically motivated lies on bail reform. In December, UCLM followed this up with a panel discussion and community forum open to the public. Our advocacy for bail reform is ongoing.

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9:05am - 9:20am	Supportive of Summit VI Initiative: Adam Bello , County Executive
9:25am - 10:20am	Keynote Address: William Johnson , former Mayor Rochester, NY

10:20am - 12:30pm	COMMUNITY PANEL DISCUSSION MODERATOR: Theresa Marsenburg SCRIBES: Jeri Dube, Rebecca Johnson, and David Prener
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TOPIC: "Let's Keep Our Children Safe in Schools through Police and Community Cooperation"

COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS

- **David Buyan**, RCSD Student - Member of School Board
- **Rebecca Hetherington**, RCSD Parent Leadership
- **Lesley Johnson**, RCSD Teacher
- **Keyvo Owens**, CERV, Coordinator Community Engagement to Reduce Victimization
- **Angelo Palmerini**, President BENTE Union
- **James Patterson**, Commissioner RCSD
- **Carmine Peluso**, RCSD Superintendent
- **Angelina Rivera**, RAP Union, President
- **Victor Saunders**, Special Assistant to the Mayor on Violence
- **Chief Jim Sheppard**, RCSD, Director of School Safety and Security
- **Chief David Smith**, Rochester Police Dept.
- **Dr. Adam Urbanski**, President RTA Teacher's Union
- **Julie VanDerwater**, President ASAR Union

QUESTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

In what ways can federal, state, county, and city law enforcement agencies work together to maintain school safety?

What can the role of police be in schools?

How can there be a reduction in students' trauma and stress over the prospect of violence?

How do school staff have safety conversations with parents, children, teachers, and staff?