

For Immediate Release

Judson Press Offers Programming for Black History Month

Valley Forge, PA, January 25, 2011—In celebration of Black History Month, Judson Press is offering a month's worth of free programming presented by its African American authors. Each week in February will feature podcasts and webinars on a variety of topics of interest to the African American community. The month-long series will culminate on February 25 with a live video stream from Fuller Seminary where Dr. Ralph Watkins will host a special event titled "The Black Church: Dead or Alive?"

The Black History Month calendar of events is as follows:

Wednesday, February 2, Jean Alicia Elster, author of the Joe Joe in the City children's series, will be interviewed in a podcast on "Teaching Children African American History through Literature."

Wednesday, February 9 at 2:00 p.m. (E.S.T.), Rev. Dr. Susan K. Williams Smith will present an hour-long webinar titled "Changing History with Crazy Faith" based on her book *Crazy Faith: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives*.

On February 14, 16, and 18, Judson Press will air a three-part podcast "Celebrating the Black Church." Rhoda McKinney-Jones will host and interview Rev. Dr. Joel Gregory and Rev. Dr. William Crouch, authors of *What We Love about the Black Church: Can We Get a Witness?* Two of the book's contributors, Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Smith Sr., and Bishop Donald Hilliard will also participate in the podcast series.

Thursday, February 17 at 2:00 p.m. (E.S.T.), Rev. Bobby Joe Saucer will present an hour-long webinar on "Engaging and Caring for the Church's Older Generation" based on his book *Our Help in Ages Past: The Black Church's Ministry among the Elderly*.

Tuesday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m. (E.S.T.), Dr. Charles E. Lewis Jr. and Dr. Harold Dean Trulear will present "The Black Church Responds to the Incarceration Crisis," an hour-long webinar based on their upcoming book *Ministry with Prisoners & Families: The Way Forward* (April 2011).

Wednesday, February 23, Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale, author of *I'm a Piece of Work! Sisters Shaped by God*, will be the guest for the day's podcast "Women Wonderfully Made by God."

Friday, February 25 from 10:30 a.m.- noon (P.S.T.), a live streaming video feed from the Fuller Seminary event "The Black Church: Dead or Alive?" will be available on the Judson Press site. Event hosts are Dr. Ralph Watkins of Fuller Seminary and Dr. Theresa Fry Brown of Candler School of Theology.

In addition to this new programming, Judson Press will also make available links to previously recorded webinars with Joseph Robinson Jr., author of *7 Leadership Imperatives from a Wild Man*, and Rev. Dr. James C. Perkins, author of *Playbook for Christian Manhood: 12 Key Plays for Black Teen Boys*.

More information about Judson's Black History Month programming, including links to webinar registration, can be found at www.judsonpress.com/blackhistorymonth.cfm.

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