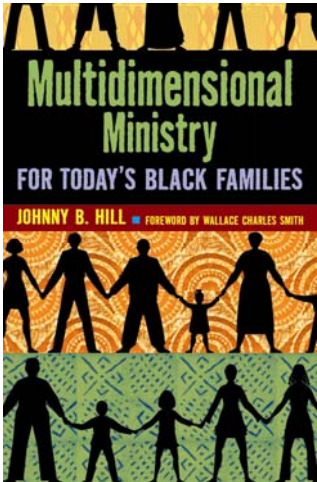


## New Resource Breaks the Silence for the “Good of All Families”



“...the church needs to re-examine its present position and restore itself to the place of being the voice in black America for freedom and justice.” —from the Foreword by Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, president, Palmer Theological Seminary, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania

In 2006, theologians, social workers, therapists, and public agency representatives gathered for the “Breaking the Silence for the Good of All Families” Conference. The event provided a forum for renewed and dynamic dialogue on the role of the church in the life of black families. *Multidimensional Ministry for Today’s Black Family* was born from the input and solutions gathered at that event.

For this invaluable new resource, editor Johnny B. Hill gathered contributors reflecting a variety of perspectives to address a number of critical topics, including:

- The diverse needs affecting the black family, from finances and fatherhood, to marriage and mental health
- Practical steps for establishing, organizing, and maintaining a thriving family life ministry in local congregations
- Ways in which the church can respond holistically, both inside and outside its walls
- Opportunities to partner with local and federal agencies, non-profits, and for-profit organizations

As Hill asserts in the Introduction: “In the times in which we live, the church and faithful believers have a real opportunity to 'break the silence,' and to begin a serious debate on what is being done and what can be done to strengthen black families. Without question, there is much to address.”

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