

“To serve this present age;
My calling to fulfill;
Oh may in all my powers engage
to do my Master’s will”
Charles Wesley



January 20, 2013

10:45am

**Israel Baptist Church
1251 Saratoga Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20018
Rev. Dr. Morris L. Shearin Sr., Pastor**

Youth Service

**Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church
Alfred A. Owens Family Life Center
605 Rhode Island Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002
Archbishop Alfred A. Owens Jr., Senior Pastor
Evangelist Susie C. Owens, Co-pastor**

Featuring

Ms. Kamba Smith, Special Guest



Writing A New History



Welcome to the 2013 National City Observance of **Justice Sunday™**.

We are pleased to join with Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) in launching **Reentry Reflections** during National Mentoring Month. This month, we take great joy in presenting the President's Volunteer Service Award for abiding commitment and sustained dedication to 31 volunteers and mentors who have served the needs of returning citizens to DC through the CSOSA Faith and Community Partnership. Amongst our highest honors, we congratulate First Lady and Co-Pastor Susie C. Owens of Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church and First Lady Bertha Mae Shearin of Israel Baptist Church, each of whom are recipients of Lifetime Awards.

We offer opportunities to provide the support necessary as qualified and screened adult mentors to empower youth in Metropolitan Washington, DC and across the country to know and act upon widely told and less known lessons learned in our rich history. Through PEN OR PENCIL™ Writing A New History, we have joined forces with the National CARES Mentoring Movement, the Association of Black Psychologists and other critical partners like the National Park Service and the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice to rally the armies of faith, compassion, and commitment.

As we reflect upon the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King during the **57th Presidential Inaugural Weekend**, let us remember we can be great because we can serve.



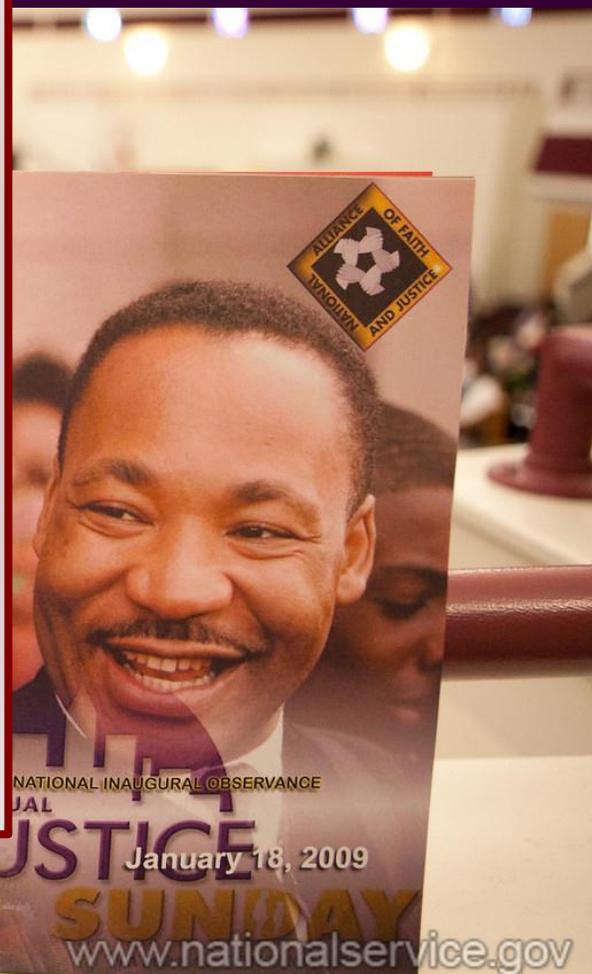
Addie L. Richburg
President

National Alliance of Faith and Justice

As a co-founder of Justice Sunday™ along with my late husband, Chaplain Warren H. Dolphus, NAFJ and partners around the country continue to use this event to place a priority upon community impact which may be achieved through mentoring. Ideally, Justice Sunday is a day of national recruitment of mentors, designed to integrate commemoration with national service.

The annual theme of Justice Sunday™, *"A Charge To Keep I Have To Serve This Present Age,"* invites the nation to honor Dr. King in his vocation as a clergy and the historic role of volunteers of faith. It was from pulpits that the charge was often sounded during the civil rights movement calling to action brigades of volunteers and foot soldiers of justice. It was volunteers of faith and community who so often stood with leaders and persons concerned about equality to transcend denominational, gender, strong political, social, racial, economic, generational, and so many other divides for the cause of justice and "needle-moving" change. We further acknowledge that both **"justice"** and **"Sunday"** (or Sabbath) are deeply seeded in faith and the protection and furtherance of human and civil rights.

As we countdown to the 50th anniversary of *"I Have A Dream,"* let us be reminded that Dr. King referred to 1963 as a beginning, not an end. In his speech, Dr. King spoke of the demands of freedom, the security of justice, and the urgency of now, each of which remain priorities.



Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
3722 Wisconsin Chapel Road
Lanham, Maryland
20846
Rev. Charles E. Cato, Sr., Host Pastor



Congratulations
Justice Sunday
Israel Baptist Church

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This event is an opportunity to reflect on your important efforts to assist individuals returning back into society. Your programs have proven to help enrich the quality of life in our community. As you gather to celebrate this occasion, please continue your contributions and services, especially educational programs and outreach activities.

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, you have my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event.



Vincent C. Gray

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Mayor, District of Columbia



The Court Services and Offender Supervision (CSOSA) Mentoring Initiative links offenders with concerned members of the faith community who offer support, friendship, and assistance during the difficult period of re-entry. During the transition from prison to home, returning offenders can be overwhelmed by the many large and small challenges they face. Participating offenders are matched with a volunteer mentor from one of the participating faith-based institutions to help them negotiate and overcome those challenges. The objective of mentoring is to build strong positive values and provide accessible role models for ex-offenders returning to our communities. Through regular communication, coaching, moral support and guidance, mentors assist in the growth and development of the offender mentee while also helping them to identify linkages to faith-based and other resources that can assist in the transition from prison to community.

In 2003 CSOSA recognized the need to begin the process of linking returning offenders with services well before they were released from prison. Using teleconferencing technology, CSOSA took the Faith/Community Partnership into the Rivers Correctional Institution in Winton, North Carolina, a Bureau of Prisons contract facility that houses over 1,000 D.C. code offenders. That outreach has developed into regular Community Resource Day video conferences, at which representatives from the Faith/Community Partnership and a variety of District social service agencies provide information to men nearing release and provides them with the ability to have face-to-face contact with their mentors.

Since 2002, the Mentoring Initiative has:

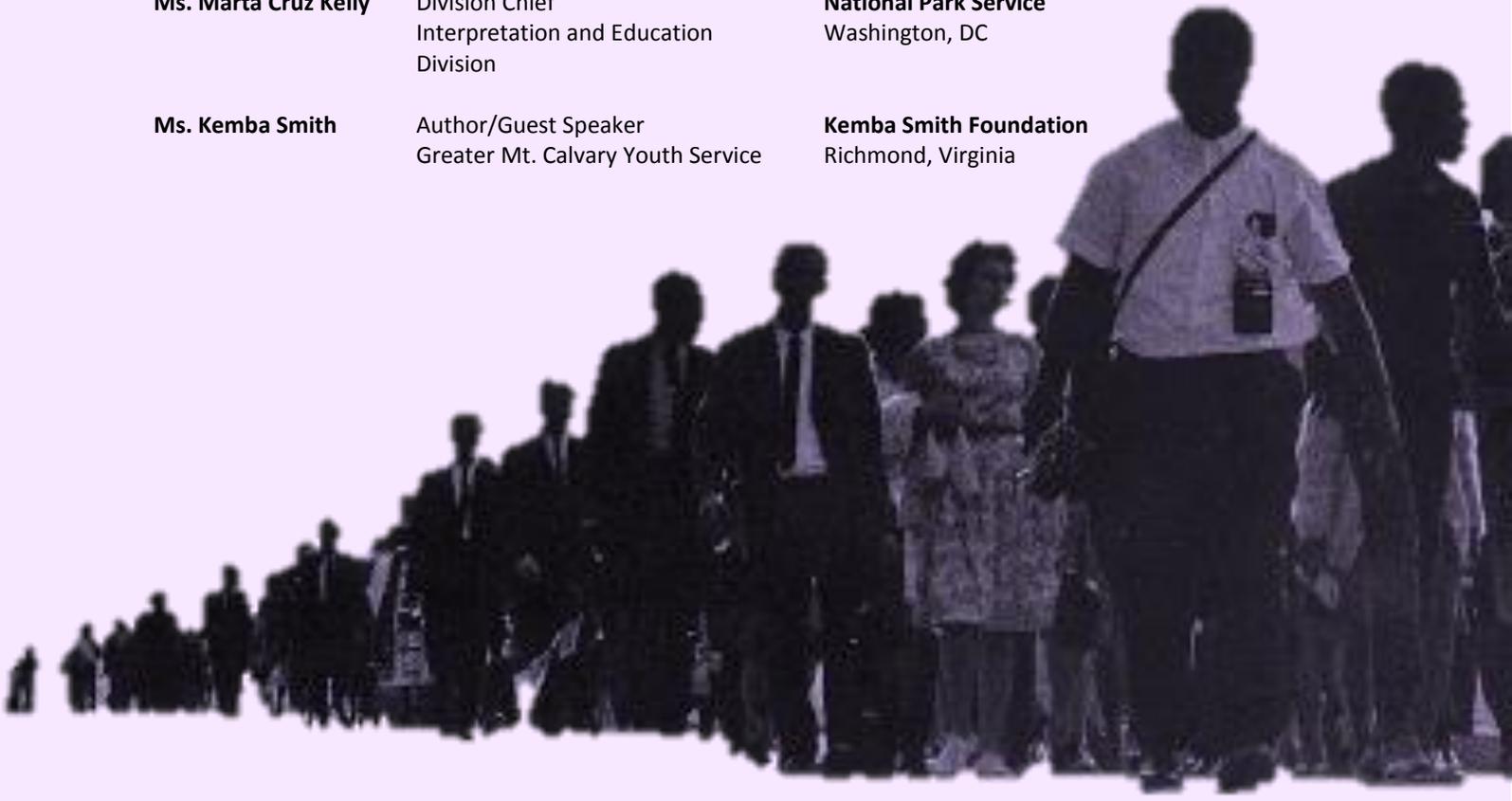
- Certified 258 faith institutions as mentor centers
- Recruited and trained more than 1,504 volunteer mentors
- Referred 3,352 offenders for mentor matches

Research suggests that offenders who participate in the program incur fewer technical violations, have fewer positive drug tests, and are less likely to be rearrested the longer they remain actively engaged with a mentor. CSOSA continues to recruit additional faith institutions, volunteers and community organizations to expand the range of services available to returning offenders. For more information on the Mentoring Initiative, please contact the Office of Community Justice Programs at (202) 220-5306.



Remarks by

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Ms. Addie Richburg	President and CEO	National Alliance of Faith and Justice Washington, DC
Ms. Cicley Gay (or Ms. Roxanna Bilal)	Director of National Initiatives Circle Leader	National CARES Mentoring Movement National Capitol Region CARES
Ms. Marta Cruz Kelly	Division Chief Interpretation and Education Division	National Park Service Washington, DC
Ms. Kemba Smith	Author/Guest Speaker Greater Mt. Calvary Youth Service	Kemba Smith Foundation Richmond, Virginia



Since 2001, each January has marked the beginning of a period of reflection, dialogue and celebration centering on reentry related themes. **Reentry Reflection** events include roundtable policy discussions, mentor/mentee events, and an annual Citywide Assembly that brings the community together for an evening of fellowship and reflection on the year's accomplishments.

Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency is pleased to launch Reflection Reflections 2013 as a continuum of reentry centered volunteerism on Justice Sunday™. Justice Sunday™, which is spearheaded by the National Alliance for Faith and Justice, occurs on the eve of the annual Martin Luther King Day of National Service. Additional reentry events will be held throughout the month of February.



Cedric R. Hendricks serves as an Associate Director at the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency. This federal agency is responsible for the community supervision of adult offenders in the District of Columbia. Mr. Hendricks heads the agency's Office of Legislative, Intergovernmental and Public Affairs.

Before coming to CSOSA, Mr. Hendricks worked 15 years on Capitol Hill, serving on the staffs of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and the House Judiciary Committee. He has also served as Legislative Director for Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, and Legislative Counsel for Congressman John Conyers, Jr.

Mr. Hendricks is a 1983 graduate of the Howard University School of Law.



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One of the most compelling chapters of American history is told through the parks and monuments in the National Park Service which represent the legacy of the African American experience. Their role in telling this story is so prominent – so powerful – that they have been included among those places that we preserve for all time. Each national park and monument tells a part of the story, and we are pleased that the National Alliance of Faith and Justice (NAFJ) has become one of our key partners in bringing the frequently told and less told stories of African Americans to and through the voice of youth.

The National Park Service is pleased to partner with organizations like NAFJ, the National CARES Mentoring Movement (NCMM) and Association of Black Psychologists, Inc. (ABPsi) and local NAFJ affiliates like Kiamsha and National Capital CARES through sustained outreach which produces measurable outcomes like **PEN OR PENCIL Writing A New History (POPWNH)**, now an official program of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Initiative.

In 2013, we remember strategic bravery, powerful examples of peer recruitment and engagement, and student activism which changed the city of Birmingham, Alabama, and ultimately a nation. We continue to believe in the tenacity and creative possibilities of our youth in solving today's challenges and injustices. For this and more, we are pleased to strengthen our partnership with PEN OR PENCIL™ in providing this culturally-based group mentoring curriculum to students in over 60 elementary, middle, and high schools in 12 states. It is through this effort that together, we have access to translate interpret and preserve stories from the civil war to civil rights as we reach as many as 60,000 students.

We have further partnered with NAFJ in targeting 93 more schools, each named in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through **TO SERVE THIS PRESENT AGE**. We are pleased to work with the National Park Foundation in launching this project today on **Justice Sunday™** and look forward to the potential to add 23 new states and to reach at least 100,000 more students in strategic outreach through our **2013 theme, Expressions of Freedom**.

Learn more about Dr. King.
Discover the roots of your history and many more.
Visit the National Park Service
www.nps.gov



A vital core of the mission of NPS is to help preserve local history and create close-to-home experiences. Among tangible outputs of this partnership is the recently released public service announcement, **Journey to Greatness: Spell It Like It Is**, in which military and community youth from around the country are linked with the Lincoln Home to envision the journey made by our President to the White House and the possibilities of their own greatness by promoting other cultural and perhaps less known African American history within the National Park System.

Learn more by visiting:
www.teleologic.net/journey/html/index.htm



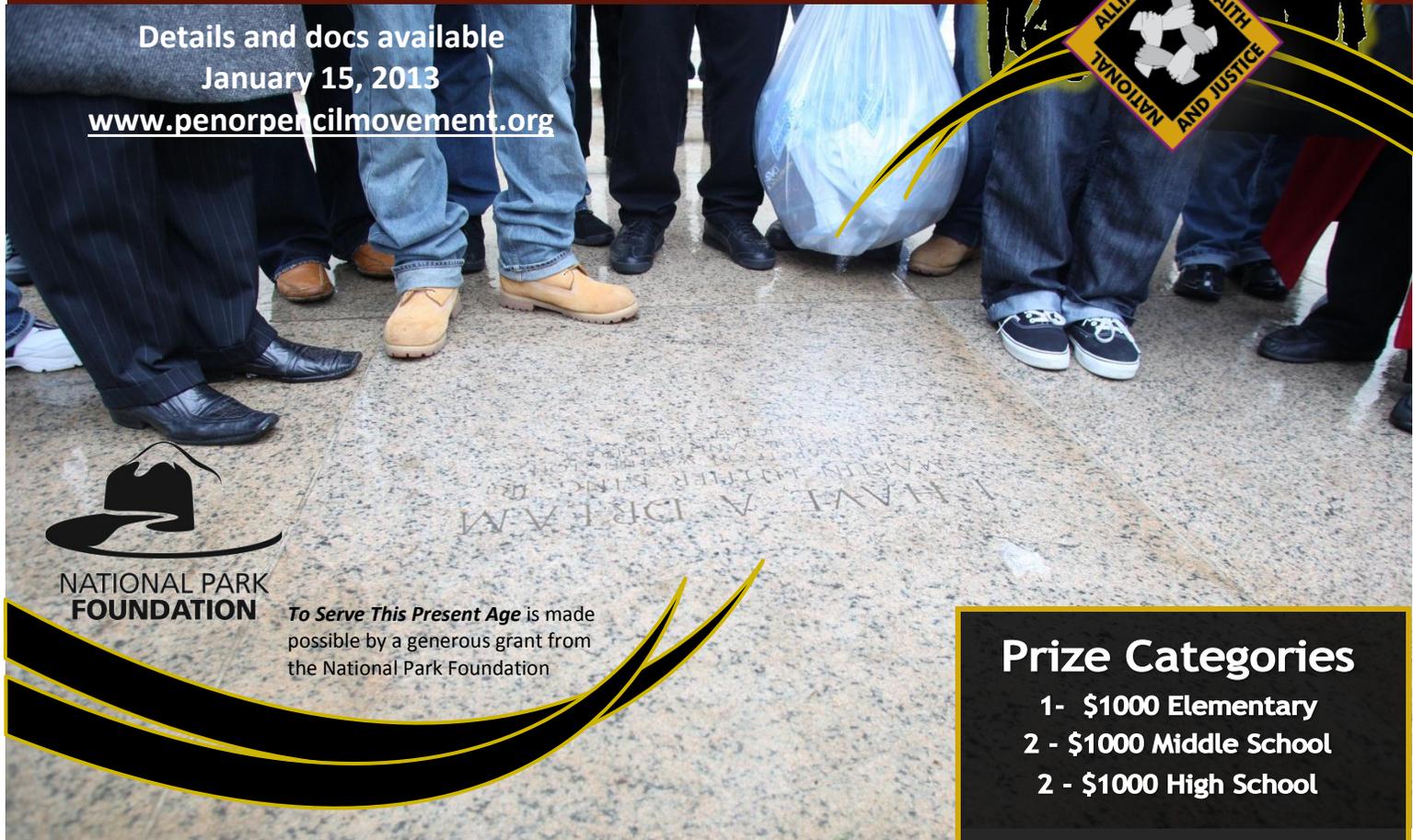
To Serve This Present Age

National Service Learning Competition

Details and docs available

January 15, 2013

www.penorpencilmovement.org



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To Serve This Present Age is made possible by a generous grant from the National Park Foundation

Prize Categories

- 1- \$1000 Elementary
- 2 - \$1000 Middle School
- 2 - \$1000 High School

2013 CONTEST CALENDAR

January 20	Official Launch
January 21	Planning begins
February 4	50 days begin
March 25	50 days end
April 12	All entries must be received
May 3	Finalists announced

CIVIL WAR TO CIVIL RIGHTS

TO SERVE THIS PRESENT AGE correlates contemporary solutions with templates of history: Civil war to civil rights benchmarks include January 1, 2013, the first day of National Mentoring Month and the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln. Fifty years prior, on August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to deliver his landmark speech, "I Have A Dream." January 20, 2013 is the national observance of Justice Sunday™ and launch of TO SERVE THIS PRESENT AGE. On January 21, the MLK Day of Service is observed. February 4, 2013, birthdate of Mrs. Rosa L. Parks, 50-day b.u.s. boycott campaign begins.. May 3 marks the 50th anniversary of the Birmingham Children's Crusade. Finalists announced.

EXPANDING EXPRESSIONS OF FREEDOM

Remembering non-violence with no violence

INSPIRE BY EXAMPLE - Four decades beyond the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., middle and high school students from High Point, North Carolina were the first from many schools and youth-serving institutions to begin a series of 40-day b.u.s. (building unbalanced systems) boycotts of violence (2007). These commitments served as a precursor to the Martin Luther King Day of Service and as part of a contemporary civil rights movement using principles of non-violence, peer recruitment, and service learning.

MOVING FORWARD - Using a set of judging criteria as outlined further in this announcement, the National Alliance of Faith and Justice will award a total of \$5000 to the top five finalists who successfully apply the principles of selective nonviolence and mentor-supported youthful activism to achieve 50 days of non-violence (pro-social behavior), service learning, and collective impact as exemplified by the spirit of Dr. King's selfless leadership and the Birmingham Children's Crusade of 1963. On January 15, 2013, download documents by visiting www.penorpencilmovement.org

What's L-O-V-E



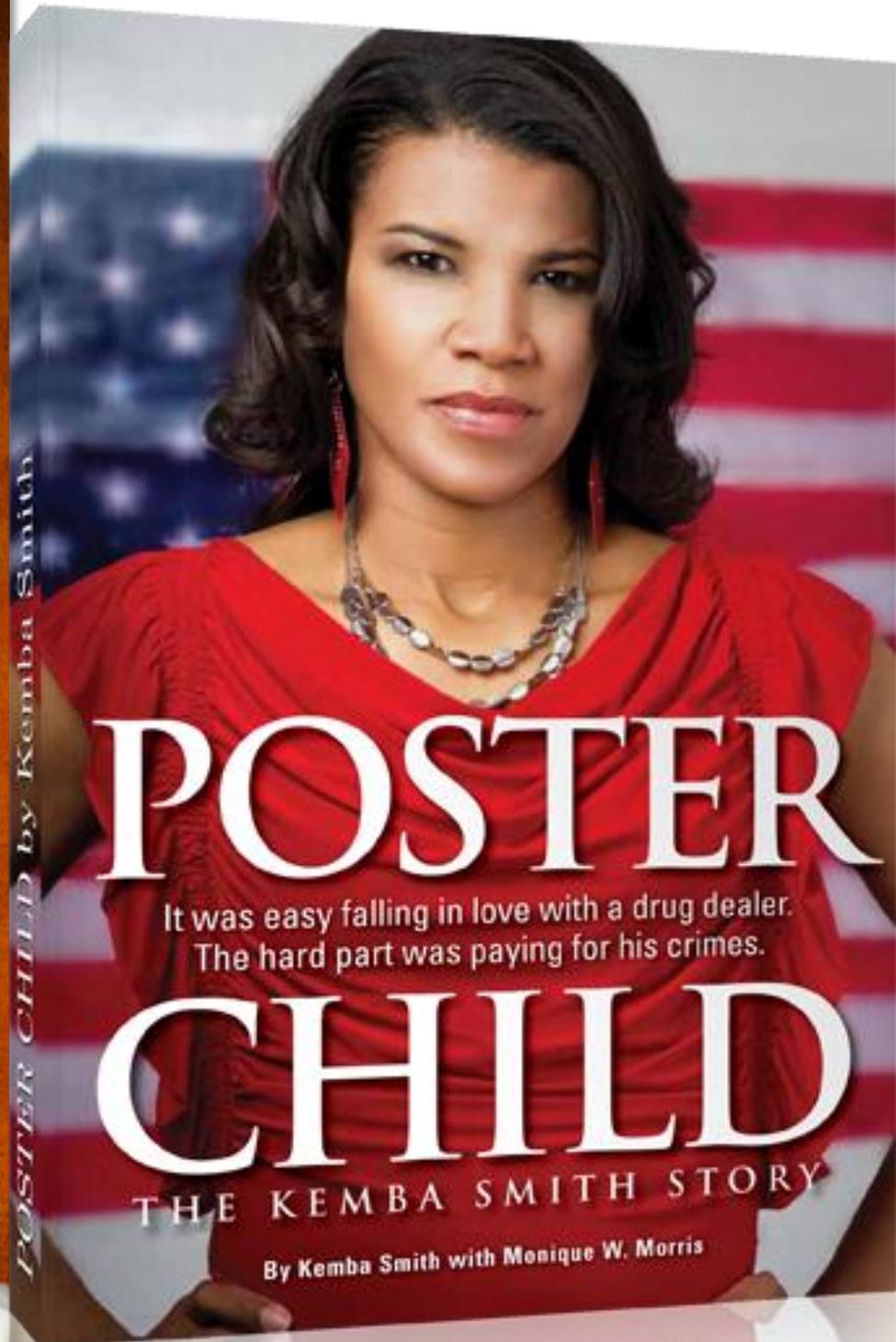
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do with
it?

Though my life was spared, I paid a high price for low self-esteem and loving a man more than I loved herself. But the story neither begins and nor does it end there. There were laws . . . legislation . . . opportunities . . . options . . . vulnerability . . . violence . . . education . . . emancipation. L-O-V-E was spelled many ways.



Kemba Smith

Youth Service Guest Speaker
Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church



My story in whole or part is also the story of thousands of other teenage girls and boys, women and men.

What does L-O-V-E have to do with it? You don't know my story.



PEN OR PENCIL Writing A New History in the tri-state region is a collaborative partnership between Kiamsha Youth Empowerment Organization, an affiliate of the National Alliance of Faith and Justice working in collaboration with the National Capital Area CARES.



Visit our tables at Israel Baptist and at Greater Mt. Calvary on Justice Sunday™ to learn more about opportunities to learn more about PEN OR PENCIL™ and how to make a commitment to serve our young at either of 16 schools or numerous community sites in the Greater Washington, DC area. Opportunities are also available to serve at Cheltenham Youth Facility in Prince George's County, Maryland.



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