

NAAMC

The National African American Missions Council

Legacy

Celebrating the Heritage of
African American Missionaries

Past & Present



The National African American Missions Council (NAAMC) Mission Award Program (MAP) is proud to offer the Monthly NAAMC Council Awards – in support of Black and African American missionaries.

Our Mission:

To give birth to missions' innovations that help fulfill the Great Commission.

Our Vision:

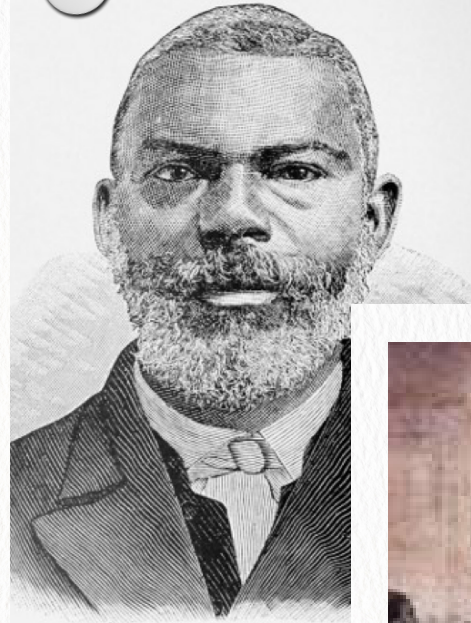
To see African Americans and multi-ethnic churches mobilized for global missions.

Since 2014 NAAMC has worked tirelessly to transform people into effective advocates in establishing a global missions ministry within their local church. We promote short-term experiences in missions that often lead to long-term service. We equip church influencers and innovators to help revive the African American missions focus and take action towards keeping their church engaged in the Great Commission.

George Liele

First Among Many

Born a slave in Virginia, Liele was converted in 1773 and began preaching the gospel to his fellow slaves. Freed by his master in 1778 during the Revolutionary War, Liele sailed to Jamaica making him the 1st missionary from America, 10 years before William Carey. In Jamaica, he preached, baptized, and planted churches leading to more than 8,000 Baptist converts.





JADEN TAYLOR

Jaden serves as a youth minister and as a volunteer with the NAAMC Annual Youth in Missions Conference. He contributes by preparing lesson plans, teaching Sunday school, speaking at the youth conference, and helping plan and execute activities as well. In the future, Jaden hopes to expand into the realm of community development, bringing good and flourishing opportunities to people in need, and inspiring communities to come together to be the best version of themselves.



JOHN MARRANT PIONEER AWARD

In honor of Ramona Valenzuela

Born free in New York City and converted under the ministry of George Whitefield, Marrant became a missionary to Native Americans and one of America's first black preachers. Having been rejected by his family because of his newfound faith at the age of 14, he wandered into the wilderness and was rescued by a Cherokee hunter. He ministered throughout Nova Scotia, played the French horn, and wrote three books about his missionary experiences.




VICKI CONAWAY

Vicki is the President of the Mission Ministry at Tabernacle Baptist Church. She has led the ministry for the past 2 1/2 years and has shipped over 60 barrels of medical supplies, coloring books, bandages, diapers, formula, clothing and shoes to Ghana west Africa. Equally, she is set to go on her fifth short-term Mission trip to distribute supplies to the Saltpond Ghana community and to the Saltpond Municipal hospital. There are over 200 women on the waiting list at the hospital. In the local community, we give out toiletries and sandwiches to displace/homeless residents and toiletries.



DR. AARON MCMILLIAN PIONEER AWARD

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Dr. Aaron McMillian was a medical missionary to Angola and a civic leader serving in the Nebraska House of Representatives in 1928. He was invited by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the Black Congregational Church to serve as a medical missionary in Galangue, Portuguese West Africa, where he was stationed from 1931 to 1948. After returning to Omaha, Nebraska, he was involved in the Omaha Branch of the NAACP, served on the board of the Omaha Housing Authority, and constructed a hospital meant for people of all backgrounds that he dubbed "People's Hospital" on 20th and Grace in Omaha. Dr. McMillian often worked in a suit, was paid in kind with chickens, corn, and vegetables by patients who could not afford care, and performed cataract surgery and removed a gangrenous on his first day at the job.



BRYCE BRYANT

Before becoming a full-time missionary, Bryce worked as a worship leader at Kingdom Life Christian Church, in Milford, CT. He also served in Youth Group, Young Adult Community, and in the Media Department. He then transitioned into full-time missions, moving from Connecticut to California to Serve with "Circuit Riders" as a Worship Leader and Tour Leader for our college and inner cities spring tours. For two years Bryce has inspired a community of 200+ young people on the same mission to reach different demographics of people in the US and internationally.



ELIZA DAVIS GEORGE PIONEER AWARD

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While in morning devotions, Eliza George, a teacher in Waco, Texas had a vision of Africans passing before the judgment seat of Christ weeping and saying 'No one ever told us you died for us'. Sharing her passion to go to Africa to spread the gospel with the college's President; she is discouraged after hearing him say not to get carried away with that foolishness. After two years of waiting she would finally make up her mind to resign from her teaching position and leave for Liberia. In her farewell speech she says "I hear my African brother calling me...would you say stay when God said go?"



DAVID & MARJORIE PATRICK

David & Marjorie are missionaries for TEAM & serve in their local church's missions department. Ministering through music and discipleship programs they most recently served in South Africa. Their missions team meets weekly to develop a teaching curriculum and facilitation training for the sessions they plan to deliver. They also have over 30 years of experience as missionaries for TEAM. They will soon be headed to Guyana!



LOUISE CELIA FLEMING PIONEER AWARD

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Louise Celia Fleming was born a slave on January 28, 1862, in Florida on the Hibernia Plantation. Her slave master Colonel Michael Fleming was kind to her family and took them along to Bethel Baptist Church. Fleming would be privileged to receive a formal education graduating from Shaw University in 1885 as class valedictorian. After graduating, Fleming's service was requested by the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society to be a missionary-teacher. She was immediately assigned to serve in Congo. Louise taught the gospel in Sunday schools and taught English in several local schools in Congo, using her influence to help several natives gain admission to Shaw University.



CHRIS & ANNE BROWN

Chris & Anne were called to Kenya after taking a short term trip working with displaced children. They officially began their missions journey in 2011, during which they moved to Harrisburg and began a singles ministry. They have lived in East Africa since 2015, where we lived in Dar Es Salaam, the largest city in East Africa, & one of the fastest growing cities in the world. Here they run a soccer program for youth, community soccer tournaments, DMM groups, trainings, & small business workshops.



AMANDA BERRY SMITH PIONEER AWARD

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Born into slavery in Long Green, Maryland, Amanda become a believer in 1856 and began traveling as a holiness Evangelist in 1869. She spoke for many churches and camp meetings until 1878 when she started her overseas ministry in England. She went on to be a missionary in India and Africa being admired by both African Americans and whites. Smith assisted with the founding the NAACP and her work for justice helped to expand the role of women in both the AME and Methodist churches.



PASTOR VANCE ROSS

Pastor Vance P. Ross was appointed to serve as the senior pastor of Central United Methodist Church in 2018. From 2015 to 2018, Ross served as Director of Annual Conference Relationships for Discipleship Ministries, formerly GBOD. He connected the agency with annual conference leaders for the purpose of building and strengthening the core process of disciple-making in local church ministries. From 2011 to 2015 he served at Senior Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church, an urban church of 1100 members. The congregation's worship attendance increased from 200 to 340 in less than four years. Over 100 persons joined the congregation with more than 50 adult baptisms.



DANIEL COKER PIONEER AWARD

Sponsored by Brian & Erika Cole

Daniel Coker was born Isaac Wright but changed his name after fleeing to New York and becoming a minister. He was a writer, activist, and founder of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church who eventually emigrated from the United States to Sierra Leone as a missionary and colonist. Coker was born in 1780 in Maryland to Susan Coker, a white indentured servant, and Edward Wright, a slave father. Standing up to racial discrimination in the Methodist Church, Coker called upon African American Methodists to withdraw from the white-dominated church and establish their own organization. Coker left the United States in 1820 with 84 other African Americans who would become settlers in Liberia.



REV. JACLYN GREEN

Reverend Jaclyn M. Green has had a clarion call to missions and nonprofit impact work in the USA and other countries, since at the age of eight. From adolescence Jaclyn has been connected to missionaries; and has personally worked with nonprofit organizations voluntarily/professionally since middle school. Jaclyn has witnessed the impact of serving on the front lines of life through missions, ministry, nonprofit and humanitarian aid. Yet one missions trip to Kenya, East Africa she waited 25 years to experience, pivoted her further into purpose. Some purposes are found, and others are created through prayer and planning. With much preparation, training, organizing and waiting, Jaclyn has embarked upon a journey of long-term missions ministry in Kenya, East Africa. She is committed to God's missions ministry for her life.



WILLIAM HENRY SHEPPARD PIONEER AWARD

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Born free in Waynesboro, VA, W.H. Sheppard completed his theological studies in 1886 and was ordained a Presbyterian minister assuming the pastorate of the Zion Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA. He was later granted permission by the organization's missions committee to travel to Africa to do missionary work under the supervision of a white minister, Samuel Lapsley. Sheppard traveled throughout the villages along the Atlantic coast of Africa, in the mouth of the Congo, preaching the gospel. He would later gain international fame for exposing the violent practices of Belgium rubber companies and their manipulative politics among Congolese tribes to profit from slave labor.



MAJEEDAH MURAD

Majeedah Murad began her legal career almost 20 years ago as a local government attorney in Florida. She later practiced bankruptcy law in Dallas, Texas. In August 2019, after feeling called to missions for many years, Majeedah left private practice and became a missionary attorney with Wycliffe Bible Translators. As Senior Counsel she handles a variety of legal issues. Majeedah's service in a critical support role makes it possible for other missionaries to fulfill their callings, and allows her to participate in Wycliffe's vision to see people from every language understand the Bible and be transformed.



NANNIE HELEN BURROUGHS PIONEER AWARD

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Nannie Helen Burroughs worked as a bookkeeper and editorial secretary for the National Baptist Convention (NBC). She climbed the ranks of the NBC focusing on gender equality within the church and helped found the Women's Auxiliary of the NBC. Burroughs created National Women's Day observed by many denominations to raise money for foreign missions and mission projects encouraging participants to serve causes greater than themselves. This platform also open doors for women's voices to be heard as missionaries and preachers as they gave prepared speeches on National Women's Day. In 1909, she led the effort to fund and establish the National Training School for Women and Girls, of which she was president until her death in 1961. Burroughs was a stronger advocate for both domestic and foreign missions.



TIM BYRD

Timothy is married to his best friend Nia and they have four children. Timothy has worked under local churches with Campus Outreach in South Africa (13 years) and now Zambia (4.5 years) focused on evangelism and discipleship. Their vision is to trust God that through the lives of passionate university students, Zambia would become a gospel-saturated launching pad for expanding Campus Outreach Regions and missionaries into the nations of Africa and beyond for the glory of God.



JOHN STEWART PIONEER AWARD

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Born free in Virginia, Stewart was a Baptist of mixed European and African descent. He heard the voice of a woman and a man calling him to preach to the Native Americans and began to sing and to preach to them in 1816. Despite opposition, he warned the Wyandotts to “flee the wrath to come.” His singing and preaching resulted in the conversion of the chiefs, leading women, and others within the tribes. Rival missionaries appeared and accused him of exercising ministering without a license. Supported by native converts, Stewart requested recognition by the Methodist Episcopal Church and was accordingly licensed in 1819.



DRS. REGINALD & DEBORAH FREEMAN

Doctors Reginald & Deborah Freeman are the Co-founders of Across The Nations International Ministries. They are full-time missionaries in Uganda where they sponsor children's education programs, teacher salaries, youth enrichment, and sports programming. The Freemans also establish "Care Bear" homes to support developing missionaries as well as missionary training programs and substance abuse education.



BETSY STOCKTON PIONEER AWARD

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The first single woman missionary in the modern mission era, born in Princeton, New Jersey. She was granted freedom in 1815 by her slave master who was the President of the College of New Jersey, now Princeton University. Given permission to attend evening classes she would use her education to later establish several schools including one in Grape Island, Canada teaching Native American children. Her schools became platforms for evangelism and discipleship.



WAHEEDAH MASINGA

Having served in various orphanages throughout Eswatini, Waheedah currently leads the Invested Love program which is a girl's mentoring program where leaders in the community are trained to empower the African girl child. 50% of girls in Eswatini will experience some sort of abuse in childhood, making Eswatini a country with one of the highest prevalence of HIV/AIDS.



MARY FEARING PIONEER AWARD

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Mary Fearing was a Presbyterian missionary born into slavery in Alabama. She financed her own education at Talladega College and worked as a domestic servant and an educator for many years after Emancipation. At the age of 56, she became a missionary in the Belgian Congo (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo) at a time when that country was under the brutal control of Belgium's King Leopold II. While in the Congo, she rescued and ran a home for girls and young women who had been kidnapped or sold into slavery, often bartering goods for their freedom.



MARK SLONE

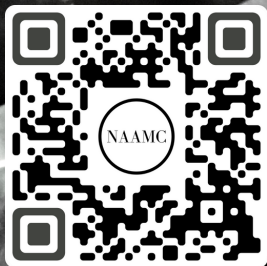
Mark is a full-time missionary from Good Hope Baptist Church in Houston, Texas where he has served as the Missions Director. Leading local outreaches to the poor Mark will soon relocate to Uganda, East Africa, where he and his wife will serve as full-time missionaries.



LOTT CAREY PIONEER AWARD

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Born in 1780 in Charles City County, VA Lott Carey became a believer in 1807 at the First Baptist Church of Richmond. In 1813 he started the Richmond African Missionary Society supporting missions work in Africa. On January 16, 1821, Carey, his family, and several missionary partners were organized into the First Baptist Church of Monrovia and set sail for Liberia West Africa. There, Carey would start a school, practice medical missions, and become vice-agent of the colony. Before leaving for Africa Carey said "It may be that I shall behold you no more on this side of the grave, but I feel bound to labor for my brothers..."



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NAAMC seeks to build mutually beneficial relationships with ministries, organizations, and individuals in a variety of ways to help advance the kingdom of God. We nurture kingdom connections around our four focus areas: Equipping, Resourcing, Networking, and Mobilizing. Financial resources are not a requirement for partnership with NAAMC; effective deployment of initiatives, project implementation, and program evaluations are the core of our partnership and sponsorship agreements. Relationship possibilities include but are not limited to: Discovery Trips, Training Programs, Vision Trips for Pastors, Networking Events, Conference Enhancement Projects, Advancement & Development Investments.

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