

Conference Agenda

RISE National Conference

March 11–14, 2026 | Atlanta, Georgia

The Power of Our Voices and the Telling of Our Stories...*With Prophetic Whispers*

We are grateful to gather with you for the pre-conference and conference programming, March 11–14, 2026. Below are key highlights. **NOTE:** Program times may be slightly adjusted as needed.

Host Hotel: Hilton Atlanta 255 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303 | **Host Church:** Ebenezer Baptist Church, 101 Jackson St NE, Atlanta, GA 30312

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Pre-Conference Sessions:

Registration - 11:30 AM–1:00 PM | Hilton Atlanta

Trauma-Informed Ministry - 1:00–6:00 PM | Hilton Atlanta

Leading in the Public Square - 1:00–5:00 PM | Ebenezer Baptist Church

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Pre-Conference Sessions (Continued):

Trauma-Informed Ministry - 9:00 AM–2:00 PM | Hilton Atlanta

Leading in the Public Square - 9:00 AM–1:00 PM | Ebenezer Baptist Church

Thursday Evening Conference Programming | 3:00–9:00 PM

Location: Hilton Atlanta - Crystal Ballroom

Registration - 3:00–6:00 PM

Vendor & Sponsor Showcase - 3:00–6:00 PM

Conference Opening 6:00–9:00 PM

- Welcome and Womanist Wine Down: Girlfriends Just Between Us (Finding Authentic Sisterhood)
- Networking Reception
- Whispers After Dark

Friday Morning Conference Programming | 8:30–11:00 AM

Location: Hilton Atlanta, Crystal Ballroom

Registration - 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Daughters of Thunder Worship Service

FireSide Chat - The State of Black Women: Our Promise, Our Potential, and Our Power for Ministry

Vendor and Sponsor Showcase | Lunch on your own - 11:00 AM–1:30 PM

Travel to Ebenezer Baptist Church (approximately 1 mile from the hotel). Uber/Lyft sharing is encouraged; limited transportation will be available. - 1:15–2:15 PM

Friday Afternoon & Evening Conference Programming | 2:30–9:00 PM (Doors open at 1:00 PM)

Location: Ebenezer Baptist Church

Registration - 1:00 PM–2:30 PM | One-Day Ticket Holders

Womanist Master Class: Prophetic Preaching with Rev. Teresa Fry Brown, PhD (starts at 2:30 PM)

Concurrent [Empowerment Workshops](#) (Workshop details and locations forthcoming) - 4:00–5:15 PM

Awards Dinner – (starts at 5:30 PM - *Full Conference Registration Required*)

Worship, Graduation & Induction Ceremony - Rev. Maisha Handy, PhD - 7:00–9:00 PM

Saturday Conference Programming | 8:30 AM–2:00 PM

Location: Hilton Atlanta, Crystal Ballroom

Morning Glory Worship Service - Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gina Stewart (starts at 8:30 AM)

FireSide Chat

Closing Worship Service & Charge - Speaker: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Hale

Ritual Blessings and Send-Off