

Unity Explosion 2011



“Evangelization...Am I A Witness?”

HOSTED BY THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

JUNE 15-19, 2011

MARRIOTT WESTCHASE
2900 BRIARPARK DRIVE
HOUSTON TX 77042

Mission Statement: The Unity Explosion Conference will provide an experience that addresses the expressed ministerial, pastoral, evangelization, and liturgical needs of the participants.

Presenters to Include:

Father Gregory Chisholm, SJ



St. Patrick Church
Oakland CA
Conference Pastor



Dr. Kevin Johnson
Spelman College
Atlanta GA
Conference Musician

Fr. Jim Goode, OFM
Fr. Jerome LeDoux, SVD
Fr. Chester Smith, SVD
Fr. Art Cavitt
Ralph McCloud
Angela Thomas
Deacon Phillip Jackson
Dena LaVigne
Kathleen Dorsey-Bellow

Roberta Epps
Jesse Cox
Deacon Andrew &
Jeannette Malveaux
Deacon Charles &
Pauline Allen
Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ
Fr. Desmond
Ohankwere, MSP and more!

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**R O D E R I C K J . B E L L I N S T I T U T E F O R A F R I C A N
A M E R I C A N S A C R E D M U S I C**



Roderick J. Bell
1961-1994

Roderick J. Bell, a music prodigy and native Houstonian, originated the Roderick J. Bell Institute for African American Sacred Music in 1989. The Bell Institute was designed to provide professional, spiritual, and networking opportunities for musicians, ministers of music, and those interested in the music ministry. The Institute also provides a venue for composers to present various genres of new sacred music. **Youth** interested in music ministry are encouraged to participate! The Bell Institute precedes the Unity Explosion Region X Conference. This 15-hour institute will be held June 15 and 16, 2011, at the Marriott Westchase Hotel.

The Bell Institute schedule:
June 15 - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
June 15 - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Rehearsal)
June 16 - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Invited clinicians include: Dr. Kevin Johnson, Dr. Andre LaCour, W. Clifford Petty, Theola Booker,

Clark Knighten, John Bell, Fayette Allen and more.

Pre-registration for the Bell Institute is \$75 per person and does not include meals. Pre-registration period is January 1 - April 30, 2011.

On-site registration period is May 1 - June 15 and is \$100 per person.

A variety of sacred music will be presented. Composers will present new music for the liturgical year; compositions will be available for purchase on site. If you wish to submit music for presentation, please adhere to the following guidelines by May 30.

All music works must be copyrighted or submitted with written permission from publishing company and/or composer.

Please supply a minimum of 150 copies for distribution.

REGISTRATION

Conference Registration:

Pre-Registration Fee-\$150 Adult/Youth Grade K-12, No Group Rates. Fee provides conference materials, five (5) meals, and a T-shirt. Pre-registration must be received or postmarked by April 30, 2011. Pre-K ages 3 & 4 No Charge and parents are responsible for meals.

On-site Registration: Beginning May 1, 2011, conference registration fee is \$175 per person. On-site registration

that is mailed must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2011. Make payable to: Unity Explosion 2011

Mail to: *Unity Explosion 2011*

*Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
1700 San Jacinto
Houston, TX 77002*

All full conference registrations received by April 30, 2011 will be entered into a drawing to receive one free night stay at the hotel. There will be two prizes awarded.

On-site Registration (Hotel): Conference registration opens at 1:00 pm on June 16, 2011: cash, money orders, and church checks-ONLY. No personal checks.

Meals and T-shirts are NOT guaranteed after May 31, 2011.

Cancellation/Substitution Policy:

No refunds will be made for cancellation of conference registration. However, substitutions will be permitted with written submittals before May 31, 2011.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference Meals: Registration includes five (5) meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Indicate special accommodation needs on the registration form. Help us prepare properly; meals are not guaranteed for any on-site registrations received after May 31, 2011. Local restaurants are available.

Youth Track: General sessions and workshops on issues and concerns pertinent to youth and teens will be featured. Youth in grades Pre-K through 12 are encouraged to attend the Bell Institute and Unity Explosion. A parent consent waiver must accompany each youth registration.

Chaperones: A minimum of one chaperone (25 years or older) is required to serve as chaperone for every 6 children (Pre-K through 8) and every 10 youth (9-12). Chaperones must provide a copy of "Protecting God's Children" or Safe Environment certificate with registration.

Young Adults: Sessions and social activities have been planned especially with young adults in mind. Join other Christian young adults to network and share your knowledge, life experiences, successes, and challenges.

Creative Sharing-Friday, June 17: The explosion of multiple talents of our conferees has challenged us to find ways to better facilitate our "sharing" activity. We encourage parishes/dioceses and cities to combine and form mass choirs with 9-minute presentations; all other presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes each.

Presentation Guidelines for Participants: Each adult and youth creative sharing offering is a presentation to God; therefore, sacred attire is required for creative expressions. Spirit-filled sacred movement, solo presentations, ensembles, and mass choirs must be edifying to God. Ensembles are identified as ten persons or fewer not participating as a soloist, a singer in a mass choir, or a singer in a parish choir. Parishes that have participating choirs and dancers should have one presentation including both, i.e., dancers perform while the choir sings. If dancers are present without a choir, please choose a performance piece that has been presented in a liturgical setting and approved by DRE or pastor. Please sign up for your Creative Sharing presentation on the conference registration form. *An adult sponsor/representative from each performing individual or group is required to meet with Ms. Daphne Sands at 12:00 noon, Friday, June 17, 2011 at the registration area.* Please adhere to all guidelines.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The conference will be held at the **Marriott Westchase Hotel**. A block of rooms is being held at \$99 per night flat rate, up to four (4) persons per room. Rooms will be assessed a 17% tax. ***This rate is available through May 15, 2011*** Reserve rooms directly with the Marriott Westchase, (713) 978-7400 or (800) 452-5110. Ask for "Unity Explosion Conference". Please register for the *Unity Explosion conference then reserve the actual number of rooms to be occupied.* Notify the hotel of special needs or handicapped facilities.

Other Reservation Terms

All rooms in the room block require a one night deposit by guest check, money order, or credit

card prior to May 15, 2011. Include names of all hotel guests for each room. Deposits for room incidentals per room can be secured by credit card or \$50.00 (cash) per day/per room. Present Church Tax Exemption Certificate at check-in.

Emergency Calls—Guests must have their names listed on the room reservation card for all phone calls during hotel stay.

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SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

Wednesday-June 15, 2011

Bell Music Institute
 Registration
 Workshops
 Rehearsals

Thursday-June 16, 2011 a.m. and p.m.

Bell Music Institute
 Registration
 Workshops

Thursday-June 16, 2011 p.m.

Unity Registration
 First Timers Orientation
 Opening Rite
 Young Adult Meet and Greet

Friday-June 17, 2011 a.m.

Morning Mass
 Breakfast
 Registration
 Morning Prayer/General Session
 Concurrent Session I
 Choir Rehearsal

Friday-June 17, 2011 p.m.

Lunch
 Concurrent Session II
 Reconciliation
 Dinner
 Creative Sharing
 Young Adult Late Night

Saturday-June 18, 2011 a.m.

Morning Mass
 Breakfast
 Registration
 Morning Prayer/General Session
 Concurrent Session III
 Young Adult Session

Saturday-June 18, 2011 p.m.

Lunch
 Concurrent Session IV
 Dance Rehearsal
 Young Adult Praise and Worship
 Evening Prayer Service
Dinner on your own
 Young Adult Gathering and Networking

Sunday-June 19, 2011 a.m.

Praise and Worship
 Liturgy
 Commissioning



OTHER INFORMATION

Returned Checks: All checks \$250, Back Cover-\$300. Contact (returned for any reason) will incur a \$35.00 processing fee. (713) 652-4406. Deadline: April 30, 2011.

Souvenir Book: Paid advertising space is available in the souvenir book.

Advertising Cost: Page: Full-\$125, Half-\$75, Fourth-\$45, Business card-\$25, Gold Page: \$200, Cover: Inside front/back-

Vendors/Exhibitors: A variety of goods and services may be purchased in the exhibit area. All persons interested in exhibiting should call (713) 652-4406 for application and additional information. Deadline: May 31.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Airport shuttles are available to and from Bush InterContinental and Hobby Airports.

Super Shuttle
 (800) 258-3826
www.supershuttle.com

Hotel Parking complimentary. Charter buses are welcomed.



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Suggested Conference Attire

Friday Parish/Ministry T-Shirt
Friday Evening Dinner Dress
Saturday Unity T-Shirt
Sunday Cultural Attire

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