

A New Orleans Weekend

November 14-15, 2015

Samuel Morgan Community Forum

Ideological Passion vs. Principled Pragmatism: Bridging the Racial Divide in Urban America

Saturday, November 14 • 9:00 a.m.-Noon • Free • Parish Hall

Michael Cowan and James Carter will speak frankly about the challenges and conflicts, as well as the learning and excitement, involved in their ten-year effort to bridge the racial divide in New Orleans. They will describe the outcomes, ongoing racial tensions as revealed in a current conflict, and some lessons to be drawn from its record.

New Orleans Dinner Event

Saturday, November 14 • 6:00 p.m. • \$15/person • Parish Hall

Come remember and reflect about Hurricane Katrina and the aftermath of the storm with pilgrims from Unity Church, friends from the Selma 70, and special guests James Carter and Michael Cowan from New Orleans. Music will be provided by the inimitable Rev. Carl Walker. Dinner is \$15 per person. Register for dinner online at www.unityunitarian.org.

Child care is available for both Saturday events with request by email to michelle@unityunitarian.org by November 10.

Sunday Worship

"... he passed by on the other side." A Reflection on the New Orleans Pilgrims of Unity Church

Sunday, November 15 • 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m. • Sanctuary

New Orleans civic leaders, James Carter and Michael Cowan, will interpret the sacred meaning of the bonds of public friendship that have united their city with her sister city at the northern end of the great river that connects us, through the fidelity of the pilgrims of Unity Church.



Seasoned in public service but having previously harbored no known political ambitions, **James Carter** was elected to the New Orleans City Council in the chaotic months after Hurricane Katrina. As chair of the council's criminal justice committee, he was the key government leader of an interracial coalition of civic, religious, business, and government leaders that undertook systematic reform of one of the most dysfunctional local criminal justice systems in the United States. A double-degree graduate of historic Howard University, he is an attorney in private practice; a trusted ally of business, civic, and religious leaders in New Orleans and beyond; and a committed man of faith.



Michael Cowan is the civic leader who worked with Councilman Carter in the years after Hurricane Katrina to undo corruption, waste, and biased policing in New Orleans by establishing the city's first inspector general and independent police monitor. His public work and writing focus on how public waste and corruption, lack of economic opportunity, and racial tension feed each other. A psychologist and theologian, he is professor in the Institute for Ministry of Loyola University New Orleans and a fellow of the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict in the University of Oxford and the Irish School of Ecumenics in Trinity College Dublin.