

## **The Reverend Keith L. Magee, Th.D., FRSA**

With a charge in life to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable, Keith L. Magee is an internationally sought after non-profit leader, speaker, and preacher. After being elected to the Royal Society of the Arts of the United Kingdom, he took an appointment as Distinguished Senior Fellow on Race, Religion and Poverty, University of Birmingham (UK), Institute of Advanced Study, where he is exploring The Gospel Exchange: Social Justice vs. Prosperity Gospel and the Impact on the Poor. His collective areas of focus include race and poverty, African American migration and religious history, and faith and politics.

He served, for five years, as the founding director, National Public Housing Museum and Center for the Study of Housing and Society, Chicago, IL. He successfully led a \$7 million capital campaign to open the Museum and Center, which is committed to being *a living cultural experience on social justice and human rights*. He took the appointment after serving as a senior religious affairs advisor with the Obama for America campaign and as a senior director at the Museum of African American History-Boston and Nantucket.

Dr. Magee's studies have taken him through the prestigious halls of Ohio University, the University of Pennsylvania, London School of Oriental and African Studies, Georgetown University, Grace International College, and Harvard Divinity School. He was conferred the doctorate of theology degree. His other coursework includes psychology and economics.

Rooted in the Methodist tradition, his ministerial calling has led to leadership at The Berachah Church, in Boston, MA; as resident seminarian, Mount Carmel Church; and minister of summer programs, Northminister Presbyterian Church, both of Washington, DC. He currently serves on the National African American Clergy Network and was previously the chair of the Massachusetts Council of Chaplains for Governor Deval Patrick. He is also the senior faith and politics advisor to Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-D).

In addition, Magee is passionate about providing humanitarian aid to children and families, especially in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, Soweto and Johannesburg, South Africa. He is the co-founder of Abba House, for children infected and affected with HIV/AIDS in Abidjan. He has worked with Drs. Paul Farmer and Peter Drobac, to develop a chaplaincy model of its hospitals in Rwanda. He serves on the board of directors of the Sankofa Justice and Equity Fund, founded by Harry Belafonte. He also serves on the board of advisors of the Anti-Defamation League-World of Difference Institute, director of TPAN and Winthrop Savings. He is a member of the American Academy of Religion, Association for the Study of African American Life and History, American Historical Association and American Association of Museums. Additionally, he provides leadership to the Multicultural Initiative of Yale Center for Dyslexia and Creativity.

He is a life member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., having served on the national board of Chaplains, Guide Right Commission, the board of director Kappa Foundation and nominating committee chair for Boston (MA) Alumni Chapter.

Keith split his time between the United States and United Kingdom.