

ADDICTION & FAITH CONFERENCE

BREAKOUT SESSION

Trauma Across Generations: Addiction and Race

Samuel Simmons, Rev. Dr. Brian C. Herron & Jaime Monson

This breakout provides a panel conversation and Q&A following Sam Simmons plenary.



Pastor Herron was ordained in 2006 and currently serves as Pastor at Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of his father, Reverend Curtis Herron. Pastor Brian Herron is a former Minneapolis City Council-member is active in the community and is an advocate for justice and increasing the peace in our city. He has worked in partnership with the Mneapolis Police Department and Hennepin County Adult Correction Facility. Pastor Brian is also a Mental Health First Aide Instructor for Youth and Adults and a Trauma Trainer for Sidran Institute Risking Connection Program.



Jaime Monson, MSW, LICSW, is a mental health therapist with a Master's degree in clinical social work from Gallaudet University. She has over 20 years of experience learning and working within the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind communities and is fluent in American Sign Language. As a therapist, Jaime has an interest in play therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy and also provides Dialectical Behavioral Therapy interventions to Deaf, Hard of Hearing and hearing adolescents and young adults. Jaime has been with Volunteers of America of MN/WI for over 13 years and is currently the Area Director of Clinical Mental Health Services providing both supervision and program management to Vona Center for Mental Health by Volunteers of America of MN programs.



Mr. Simmons a licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor has over 21 years in program development, group facilitation, and curriculum development specializing in the areas of Anger Management, Chemical Dependency, Pain Management and working with African American men & young people. He was awarded the 2009 Governor's Council on Faith and Community Service Initiatives Best Practices Award for his work with MN Department of Veterans Outreach Services, prison reentry and in the African American community.



Dr. Monteic A. Sizer serves as executive director of Northeast Delta Human Services Authority (Northeast Delta HSA). He joined the organization in May 2013 as its first executive director. Dr. Sizer earned a Ph.D. in clinical-community psychology from the University of South Carolina. He completed his clinical residency at William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute. He holds Bachelor of Science (Summa Cum Laude) degrees in psychology and criminal justice from Pfeiffer College, and an associate degree in applied science from Central Piedmont Community College.