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14TH ANNUAL PRAYER “Non” BREAKFAST

Keynote by **Bishop Kenneth C. Ulmer**

Saturday, November 7, 2020
9:00 am (PST)
Virtual Event



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PROGRAM

Theme: “Generosity in a Time of Great Need”

Worship Music	The House Band
Welcome & Introduction to CLA-LA	Tim Burgett
Invocation	Tim Burgett
Keynote Speaker	Bishop Kenneth C. Ulmer
Worship Music	The House Band
Vision for the Future	Ellen Reinig
Client Interviews	Interviewer-Terry Steinhart
Panel Discussion with Attorneys	Moderator-Terry Steinhart
Worship Music	The House Band
Volunteer Awards	Carolyn Jefferson
How You Can Volunteer	Carolyn Jefferson
Donor Testimonial	Don Howarth & Suzelle Smith
Closing Prayer	Charles Suhayda
Worship Music	The House Band

Keynote Speaker

Bishop Kenneth C. Ulmer, D. Min., Ph.D.

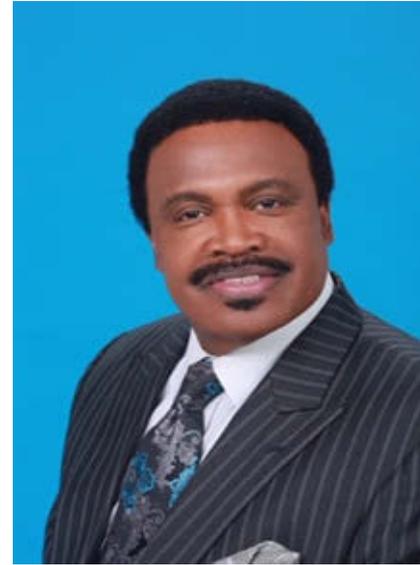
Kenneth C. Ulmer has been Senior Pastor of Faithful Central Bible Church in Los Angeles for 38 years. In 2000, the congregation purchased The Great Western Forum (previous home of the Los Angeles Lakers professional basketball team) which they also operated as a commercial entertainment venue before selling it to Madison Square Garden in 2013. Dr. Ulmer was the former President of The King's University in Los Angeles where he also serves as a founding board member, adjunct professor and Director of The King's at Oxford, an annual summer session held at Oxford University.

Dr. Ulmer received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Broadcasting & Music from the University of Illinois. After accepting his call to the ministry, Dr. Ulmer founded Macedonia Bible Church in San Pedro, CA. He has done post-graduate studies at Pepperdine University, Hebrew Union College, the University of Judaism, Christ Church, and Magdalene College at Oxford University in England. He received a PhD from the former Grace Graduate School of Theology in Long Beach, CA (West Coast Campus of Grace Theological Seminary), and was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Southern California School of Ministry, and received his Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary. He participated in the study of Ecumenical Liturgy & Worship at Magdalene College at Oxford University in England, and has served as instructor in Pastoral Ministry & Homiletics at Grace Theological Seminary as an adjunct professor at Biola University (where he served on the Board of Trustees), and as an adjunct professor at Pepperdine University and Fuller Theological Seminary. He served as a mentor in the Doctor of Ministry degree program in United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

He is past commissioner of Transnational Association of Christian Colleges & Schools (TRACS) and former Ad Hoc Committee member for Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). Dr. Ulmer was consecrated Bishop of Christian Education of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship where he served as a founding member on the Bishops Council. He has served on the Board of Directors of The Gospel Music Workshop of America, and on the Board of Trustees of Southern California School of Ministry, and Empowerment 21. Dr. Ulmer is currently the Presiding Bishop over Macedonia International Bible Fellowship based in Johannesburg, South Africa, which is an association of Pastors representing ministries in Africa and the U.S.

He has written several books including *A New Thing* (A Reflection on the Full Gospel Baptist Movement), *Spiritually Fit to Run the Race* (A Guide to Godly Living), *In His Image* (An Intimate Reflection of God), *Making your Money Count* (Why We Have It-How to Manage It: Featured on "This is Your Day" with Benny Hinn), *The Champion in You* (Step into God's Purpose for Your Life), *The Power of Money* (How to Avoid a Devil's Snare), *Knowing God's Voice* (Learn How to Hear God Above the Chaos of Life and Respond Passionately), *Passionate God*, *Training to Win* (A Spiritual Guide to Victorious Living), *Passing The Generation Blessing* (Speak Life, Shape Destinies), and his latest book "*Walls can Fall*" (Race, Reconciliation & Righteousness in a Divided World).

Dr. Ulmer and his wife are residents of Los Angeles, CA and have been married for 40 years and have two daughters, one son, and five grandchildren.



Our Mission

To share the love of Jesus Christ by cultivating a passion for justice in our community and providing free legal services and hope to those in need in Los Angeles County.

Our Approach

The need for legal assistance is staggering: in Los Angeles County, there are 6,136 potential clients for every one legal aid attorney working full-time to offer free legal services. This is especially urgent because crime, discrimination and many other injustices disproportionately affect the poor – those least able to afford legal help. To help meet this vast need, CLA-LA recruits and equips volunteers to meet the critical needs of our most vulnerable neighbors. This year alone we've empowered more than 150 attorneys and non-attorneys to assist those who cannot afford to hire a lawyer.

Our volunteer-driven approach is unique in that CLA-LA cross-trains attorneys to handle crucial legal issues facing the poor so that they can competently serve beyond their usual area of practice. In addition, CLA-LA partners with established organizations including Faithful Central Bible Church, Homeboys Industries, The Dream Center, LA Law Library, and Catholic Charities.

Terry Steinhart Award- Attorney of the Year

Alex Kim



Alex Kim is an associate attorney at Song & Meng LLP. He is licensed to practice law in California and New York. He primarily practices in the area of business immigration law, handling a wide range of employment-based immigration cases including EB1, NIW, ED5, H1B, L1, and O1. Prior to joining Song & Meng, Alex worked as in-house counsel at an international manufacturing company in Los Angeles where he handled a variety of commercial law and intellectual property matters. He also clerked at Kim & Chang in Seoul and W&H Law Firm in Beijing where he assisted with various corporate law and bankruptcy matters.

Alex studied East Asian History as an undergraduate at the University of California, Irvine and earned his law degree at Columbia Law School. He is a regular volunteer for Christian Legal Aid of Los Angeles.

Intern of the Year- Bradley Greenman



Bradley Greenman, his wife Lauren, and his daughter Harper moved to California in 2019 to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a lawyer. Brad and his family are originally from Lexington, Kentucky. They moved across the country to pursue his law degree at Pepperdine Caruso School of Law because Pepperdine's academic excellence and their grounding in a Christian world view. Before law school, Brad worked as an Operations Director for Breakout Games LLC, an entertainment start-up company based in Kentucky. He studied Theology and Philosophy in undergraduate school at Boyce College, graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Art in Biblical and Theological Studies in 2013. In his free time, he is an avid Kentucky sports fan, and would love to tell you about why Kentucky Basketball is—definitely—the best program in college basketball (sorry UCLA). Brad became a Christian through Young Life ministries in high school. Because of what God has done for him through Jesus, Brad sees a career in the law as the best way for him to use the gifts God has given him to bless the people, community, and world around him.

Director of Legal Programs

Carolyn Jefferson, Esq. *carolyn@cla-la.org*

Carolyn Jefferson is the CLA-LA Director of Legal Programs. She is a former television news reporter turned litigation attorney. Carolyn began her legal career as a prosecutor. She was a zealous advocate for justice and a strong voice for crime victims. Carolyn conducted numerous jury and bench trials with a conviction rate of close to 90%. Carolyn's legal career also includes work in healthcare law and juvenile dependency representing abused and neglected children in the foster care system.



Office Administrator

Chrystal Hicks *chrystal@cla-la.org*

Chrystal Hicks joined CLA-LA in 2019. Chrystal has a B.A. in Organizational Leadership and Development from Biola University and a Ministerial License from King's University in Inglewood. Chrystal has worked in the private sector for 13 years and she has 15 years of experience in the non-profit sector.

Chrystal loves the Lord, her family, and friends. Chrystal and her husband, Lucious, have been married for 16 years and they have one daughter together—Chrystyn. In addition, Chrystal has 5 “bonus” children and 9 “bonus” grandchildren. Her interests include traveling, cooking, shopping, reading, and doing needlepoint. She also enjoys volunteering at her daughter's school, going to Dodger games, and serving in the Kingdom of God.



Our Clients

The California Bar Association just released a study that showed 55 percent of Californians at all income levels experienced at least one civil legal issue in their household within the past year, yet nearly 70 percent of those with these problems received no legal assistance. In 2019 and the beginning of 2020, CLA-LA partnered with local churches and parachurch organizations to fill this gap by assisting clients who needed help addressing housing concerns, their rights regarding evictions, navigating issues regarding custody of children, paying or receiving child support, becoming citizens or obtaining work authorization, seeking how to start a will or trust, understanding the process of bankruptcy, or expunging their records, allowing them to reenter the workforce and find housing.

55%

of our clients are referred by partner organizations

25%

of our clients receive immediate help with forms and documents

65%

of our clients' issues, if not resolved, would lead to homelessness

Our Clients Share

"CLA-LA helped me a lot and made me feel more calm in my legal issue. It has been a blessing finding this place."

"The legal team showed me all the options available to me and most importantly, they prayed with me. "

"If we had not come we would have been at a disadvantage in court."

"I felt God's love through their service. That gave me much hope!"

Our Services

At our weekend clinics, we provide free 60-90 minute consultations with volunteer legal teams led by licensed California attorneys. Our legal teams offer advice on and assistance with a wide range of legal issues. When time permits, our teams help clients review paperwork and fill out court forms. Each client is provided with a personalized Action Plan with steps to take on their own after leaving the clinic. Perhaps most importantly, volunteers and clients are encouraged to pray with each other, recognizing that true justice comes from God.

During the week, our staff members offer referrals, hold office hours, and provide educational workshops. We connect with other ministries, churches, nonprofits, and legal aid organizations to better understand and serve our community. Our legal aid manual and MCLEs help attorneys effectively learn and serve. Last but not least, our summer internship program provides an invaluable experience to students in or considering law school, giving them first-hand experience interacting with clients, performing legal research, and connecting with Christian attorneys.

Workshops & Office Hours

Faithful Central Bible Church

Homeboy Industries

Whittier Senior Center

Dream Center

Bread of Life Church

Valley Vineyard Church

298+

Low-Income Clients Served YTD

Faithful Central Bible Church

Desert Vineyard Church

First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood

King's Church

Bread of Life Church

300+

Volunteers with Diverse Expertise & Experience

Legal Clinics

Homeboy Industries

Cornerstone West LA

Kingdom Reality LA

New City Church

El Monte Wesleyan Church

Long Beach Rescue Mission

1.0k+

Volunteer Hours Donated YTD

The Dream Center

Faith Inspirational Missionary Baptist Church

King's Church Long Beach

Hale Morris Lewis Manor

Valley Vineyard Church

Your Support

Your individual financial support makes our work possible.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, CLA-LA is able to offer free legal services to our most vulnerable low income neighbors. CLA-LA is a stand-alone 501(c)(3) organization with no parent legal aid program providing support for the services we offer. As a result, CLA-LA relies entirely upon private contributions for the funding to provide free legal services. In recent years, more than 50% of CLA-LA's support has come from individuals, with the remainder contributed by foundations, law firms, other businesses, and local churches.

Your contributions enable CLA-LA to serve hundreds of clients every year by providing for staff salaries and operational expenses.

CLA-LA provides legal services to hundreds of clients each year through clinic visits, office appointments, and other consultations. Since March, due to the COVID-19 pandemic these services have been provided through conference calls arranged with clients by our staff and volunteers. Each of these services is valued at \$500-\$2,000. Because our volunteers provide the overwhelming majority of our client consultations, your financial support is multiplied and our clients are able to access our volunteers' wealth of experience.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 (YTD)*
Revenue	\$203,116	\$164,730	\$164,518	\$157,909	\$98,375**
Expenses	\$181,159	\$166,305	\$183,897	\$180,558	\$115,468
Income (Loss)	\$21,957	(\$1,575)	(\$19,379)	(\$22,649)	(\$17,093)

*January 1 - September 30, 2020

**Not including \$26,800 Paycheck Protection Program loan, which we anticipate will be forgiven

We need your support to continue serving those in need!

We appreciate and rely on both quarterly or monthly donations and year-end contributions. None of this would be possible without your continued support, prayers, and partnership. The need for free legal services for the poor in Los Angeles County has substantially increased this year as a result of the pandemic and resulting job losses and housing and other legal issues. This year has created challenges, but it also provides an opportunity for CLA-LA to "step up" and provide even more valuable services to our community in its time of greater need. We can do that through our staff and our volunteers and donors who are able to maintain and, where possible, increase their contributions of time or financial support.

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**“Do not withhold good
from those to whom it is
due, when it is in your
power to act.”**

Proverbs 3:27 (NIV)