In this workshop we will assess and redress the muted, masked, and mangled testimonies and the trans-generational experiences of women, men, and children whose ancestors were enslaved Africans. We will mine the mother lode of survivalist intentions inherited from our foremothers and forefathers who worked as chattel property in the economies of North America for 300 years. Instead of giving in to justified feelings of fury, our workshop combines the anatomy of the idea with the genogram, in order to stabilize in writing how characteristics prevalent in the Black Church community are ingrained and shaped by memory, resistance, and resilience.
Writing (Righting) Wrong: Memory, Resistance, Resilience

About the Leaders:

The Rev. Katie Geneva Cannon, Ph.D., is Annie Scales Rogers professor of Christian ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary, and was the first African-American woman ordained in the United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Her work is focused in the areas of Christian ethics, Womanist theology, and women in religion and society. She has lectured nationally on theological and ethical topics and is the author or editor of numerous articles and seven books including Katie’s Canon: Womanism and the Soul of the Black Community and Black Womanist Ethics.

Katie was recently honored with Union Theological Seminary of New York's Union Medal at their 178th Commencement. The seminary's highest award honors persons of faith whose lives reflect the mission of the seminary in the world. She is a graduate of the class of 1983 at that seminary.

The Rev. Dr. Paula Owens Parker is a Presbyterian minister, adjunct professor of Spiritual Formation at Union Presbyterian Seminary, and senior program developer of Roots Matter: Healing History, Honoring Heritage, Renewing Hope, a course of study that specializes in ways to heal generational trauma in families. This approach, rooted in the traumatic experience of chattel slavery and the African American spirituality created out of that experience, has a deep and powerful connection with other groups and cultures who have experienced historical trauma.

Paula received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Fisk University, a Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary. She has completed training in the School of Healing Prayer under the direction of Francis and Judith MacNutt of Christian Healing Ministries and at the Pecos (N.M.) Benedictine School of Spiritual Direction.
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Schedule of Events
Union Presbyterian Seminary, Paisley Hall, 1204 Palmyra Ave., Richmond

Tuesday, April 4
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.    Check in at Paisley Hall
9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.    Session I
12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.    Lunch in Paisley Hall
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.    Session II

Wednesday, April 5
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.    Session III
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.    CHAPEL (optional) and LUNCH with the seminary community
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.    Session IV

Thursday, April 6
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.    Session V
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FEES: $195 ($150 if registration is received by February 27); includes lunch on Tuesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 5.

HOUSING: On campus housing is limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Guestrooms in Paisley Hall are $25 per night double occupancy or $40 per night single. For campus housing availability please call Elizabeth DiStanislao at (800)229-2990, x301. Hotel accommodations are available at SpringHill Suites, 9701 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23059 at a reduced rate. To reserve your hotel room, click here.

To Register On-line: click here.

To Mail or Fax Registration: Print and complete this form. Mail to Leadership Institute, Union Presbyterian Seminary, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23227 or Fax to (804) 278-4360.

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