OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rev. Jia Starr Brown

Rev. Jia Starr Brown’s experience in community education, engagement, and outreach encompass more than 20 years. Her passion to increase accessibility of affordable academic and enrichment opportunities for all youth and families led her to create a community education business network within 8 different school districts.

Bilingual, Rev. Brown serves as a diversity trainer and community educator, continuing to be an advocate for underrepresented and marginalized communities. She is the mother of five inspiring children ranging in age from 12-23 years old.

In the past decade, she has designed and facilitated more than 160 educational programs in the Twin Cities, served as Adjunct Faculty at Rasmussen College, and contributed to numerous Health and Wellness and Community Planning committees.

In 2015, Rev. Brown received a Congressional Award for her service with “Reaching Up Ministries”, a local nonprofit organization that she co-founded, whose mission is to “bring community partners together to respond to the local needs of youth and families”.

Upon receiving the call to ordained ministry, Rev. Brown started a new chapter, attending Luther Seminary. She recently completed her Master of Divinity and now serves as Associate Pastor of Park Avenue United Methodist Church in Minneapolis, MN. In the past year she co-launched "Sankofa" — a coalition of support for clergy of color in the Minnesota Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Also this year, Rev. Jia Starr Brown was a recipient of the Minnesota African American Heritage Calendar Award, recognized “as an individual who has shown tremendous dedication to teach and preach God’s Word to inspire others”. She was recently accepted into the renowned Jarena Lee Preaching Academy in 2020, “an intensive weeklong academy that empowers and equips women of the African diaspora to speak in their own prophetic voice”.

Her life scripture is “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” (2 Corinthians 1:4, NASB).

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Retreat Fees

**DUE TO THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE RETREAT AND THE LIMITED NUMBER OF ROOMS AVAILABLE, WE WILL NOT BE OFFERING SINGLE ROOMS THIS YEAR.**

**$80.00 Day Rate**

**$220 per person double occupancy**
(18 rooms available)

**$160 per person, dorm rate** (sleeps up to 8 people per room)

Registration and payment are due no later than August 30, 2019

Retreat fee includes room, speakers, workshops and activities, as well as dinner on Friday, 3 meals on Saturday, Breakfast on Sunday, and daily snacks.

You can check into your room as early as 4 pm on Friday, however, retreat check-in will not start until 6:00 pm.

Cancellation Policy

If we are able to “resell” your room, you will be refunded the amount paid, less the $25 registration fee. In the event that we are not able to “resell” your room, no refund will be issued. Refunds will not be issued until after the retreat.

2019 Women’s Retreat Registration
Please print clearly, detach and return with payment.

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME _____________________________________

ADDRESS ___________________________________

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PHONE _____________________________________

EMAIL ______________________________________

FEES AND PAYMENTS

This year, payments can be made online at www.parkavechurch.org OR

Make checks payable to PAUMC Women’s Retreat.

__ Day Rate
__ Double Occupancy
__ Dorm Rate

If you have need of a partial scholarship or a payment plan, please complete the appropriate forms found at the Woman’s Retreat table in the church hallway. Final Payment is due no later than 8/30/19

SPECIAL NEEDS
Please note any special needs that we should know about. Example: I snore/dietary needs/accessibility needs/sleep or rise early/ medical conditions

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ROOMMATE(S)
Name of the person(s) I’d like to share a room with:

_________________________________________________________________________

TRANSPORTATION
__ I can give a ride to ____ (number) women
__ I will need a ride

PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE ALSO
“And let us consider how we may spur one another toward love and good deeds, not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the day approaches.” — Hebrews 10:24-25

**Mount Olivet Retreat Center**

- Chapel sanctuary
- Prayer chapel
- Prayer labyrinth
- Meditation gardens
- Chair swings
- Gazebo
- Outdoor chapel
- Comfortable rooms
- Pool & Hot Tub
- Walking Trails

**About the Mount Olivet Retreat Center**

**Barbara Anderson Scholarship Fund**

Please consider making it possible for another woman to attend the retreat. The Barbara Anderson Scholarship Fund provides partial scholarships for women. Barb was a member of the women's retreat planning team for many years. A gift of any amount is much appreciated.

[ ] Barbara Anderson Scholarship Fund

$________

(Your gift to the scholarship fund is tax deductible.)

Retreat Fee $_________

Scholarship Donation $_________

Total amount due $ ___________

**Completed registration forms, along with payment, can be dropped off at the Women's Retreat table in the hallway on Sunday, at the Welcome Center, or in the church office.**

**If you would like to mail your forms and payment, please send to:**

Park Avenue Church
Attn. Women's Retreat
3400 Park Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55407

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**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

I can help in the following area(s):

[ ] Bring a game for the game room
[ ] Donate a gift for the giveaways
[ ] Intercessory Prayer Team
[ ] Other (please list) ____________________

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**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

September 20-22, 2019

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