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## “THE FATHER’S CALL” CONFERENCE FOSTERS EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MEN AND BOYS

- Set for June 11 at 7 p.m. -



*The Father's Call discussion forums will address three key topics:*

### FORUM 1: SOCIAL JUSTICE

This forum will discuss and determine a community response regarding the Children's Services Council, and its impact on the education and justice systems.

### FORUM 2: LESSONS FROM FATHERS

This discussion will instruct participants in the proper roles and responsibilities of fathers.

### FORUM 3: FATHERS FROM BOYS' PERSPECTIVES

Boys of various ages will discuss the impact of having or lacking fathers and other male role models in their lives.

The conference takes place on Tuesday, June 11th at 7 p.m. at the Koinonia Worship Center, located at 4900 W. Hallandale Beach Boulevard in Pembroke Park, FL. The event is free and open to the public and all men and boys are encouraged to participate. For more information, contact the Koinonia Worship Center at (954) 964-2901.

Father's Day is a special time to recognize the contributions fathers make in families and communities, especially in shaping boys to become men. The Men's Ministry of the Koinonia Worship Center is hosting "The Father's Call," an event to bring men and boys together and share wisdom with the next generation.

"This conference will provide the opportunity for fathers to share life lessons with boys and young men in our communities," says Elder Mathes Guice, chair of the church's Men's Ministry division and the Conference Organizer. "Our goal and mission will be to engage in proactive strategies and activities for corrective change through a number of thought-provoking forums and discussion sessions and we look forward to seeing you there."



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## POWER PROFILER: Elder Mathes Guice

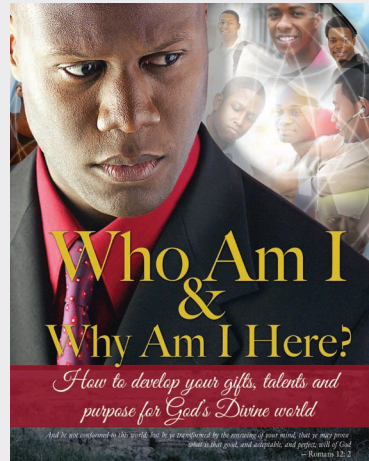


(PTI), and president/CEO of the **Community Reconstruction Housing Institute**. Concerned about the school dropout rate among black boys, he has developed innovative programs targeting not only at-risk boys but their mentors as well. "We are seeing more young black men leave the classroom, resulting in delinquency, unemployment and imprisonment. We're not fighting for our boys, and therefore, we're losing them," says Guice.

In an effort to address these issues, PTI published *Who Am I and Why Am I Here?*, a handbook teaching men how to realize their own purpose on Earth. The book comes complete with a training kit teaching men that through self-actualization and purpose fulfillment, they are able to positively

impact young lives around them. Guice hopes the tools will spark a national recommitment to self-improvement and set an example for younger generations.

Additionally, the **PTI Youth Coach Seminar Training Kit** serves as a train-the-trainer



mechanism for men mentoring boys at risk for delinquency. These materials cover topics such as skill-building, effective parenting techniques, developing positive peer associations and cultivating activities that support responsible social growth. "Evidence-based practices – that is the key," continued Guice. "This Youth Coach Training kit has made a remarkable difference in the lives of at-risk boys because we impart verified tactics for effectively supporting each boy and his family."

To learn more about the training kit, please call the **Koinonia Worship Center (954) 964-2901**.

Elder Mathes Guice is director of the Men's Ministry at the Koinonia Worship Center, founder of Practitioner's Technical Institute



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## June: Calendar of Events

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**Healdsburg Jazz Festival**  
5/31/13-6/09/13  
Healdsburg, CA  
www.healdsburgjazzfestival.com

6/11/13  
Pembroke Park, FL  
www.kwcf.org

Various Dates/Cities  
www.juneteenth.com

**Capital Jazz Fest**  
6/07/13-6/09/13  
Columbia, MD  
www.capitaljazz.com

**Sundiata Festival**  
6/15/13-6/16/13  
Seattle, WA  
www.festivalsundiata.org

**Bayou Boogaloo**  
6/20/13-6/23/13  
Norfolk, VA  
www.festevents.org/bayou-boogaloo

**Miami/Bahamas Goombay Festival**  
6/08/13-6/09/13  
Miami, FL  
www.goombayfestivalcoconutgrove.com

**Real Men Cook Father's Day**  
6/16/13  
Various Cities  
www.realmencook.com

**Chicago Gospel Festival**  
6/20/13-6/23/13  
Chicago, IL  
www.chicagogospelfest.us

**The Father's Call Conference**

**Juneteenth**  
Weekend of 6/19

**Blogging While Brown Conference**  
6/21/13-6/22/13  
New York, NY

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