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STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Nisha Botchwey

DEAN | Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota
Sector *Higher Education, Public Health, & Built Environment*

Nisha was recently appointed Dean of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota beginning January 2022.

Nisha Botchwey is finishing a decade of research, teaching and leadership roles as an Associate Professor of City and Regional Planning at the Georgia Institute of Technology, an adjunct professor in Emory University's School of Public Health, and Associate Dean of Academic Programs at Georgia Tech Professional Education.

An expert in health and the built environment as well as community engagement, she holds graduate degrees in both urban planning and public health.

Dr. Botchwey is a member of the Physical Activity Research Center (PARC), directs the Built Environment and Public Health Clearinghouse (BEPHC), and leads dashboards that support decision making including the HouseATL Data Collective, the Atlanta Neighborhood Quality of Life and Health Dashboard, and the Health, Environment and Livability Platform for Fulton County.

Dr. Botchwey's research focuses on health and the built environment, health equity, community engagement, and data dashboards for evidence-based planning and practice. She is co-author of *Health Impact Assessment in the USA* (2014), convener of a national expert panel on interdisciplinary workforce training between the public health and community design fields, and author of numerous articles, scientific presentations and workshops.

Dr. Botchwey has won numerous distinctions and has also served on the Advisory Committee to the Director for the Centers of Disease Control Prevention, a Social Sciences Panel Member for the Ford Foundation's Fellowship Program, and member of the Voices for Healthy Kids Strategic Advisory Committee for the American Heart Association.



Anne Snyder Brooks

EDITOR | **Comment Magazine**

Sector *Journalism & Culture*

Anne Snyder is the Editor-in-Chief of *Comment Magazine* and the host of Breaking Ground, a collaborative web commons created in 2020 to try to inspire a dynamic cross-section of thinkers and practitioners to respond to the major crises of the year with wisdom, hope and courage. She is the host of The Whole Person Revolution podcast and the author of *The Fabric of Character: A Wise Giver's Guide to Renewing our Social and Moral Landscape*, published in 2019.

Prior to leading Comment and founding Breaking Ground, she directed The Philanthropy Roundtable's Character Initiative, a program seeking to help American foundations and business leaders strengthen "the middle ring" of morally formative institutions. From 2014 to 2017 Anne served the H.E. Butt Family Foundation in Texas, and before that she worked at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, *World Affairs Journal* and *The New York Times*. She holds a Master's degree from Georgetown University and a B.A. in philosophy and international relations from Wheaton College (IL). Anne serves as a trustee for the Nyack College and is a Senior Fellow with The Trinity Forum. She has published widely, including *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The Washington Post*, *City Journal*, *Philanthropy Magazine*, *The Orange County Register*, *Houston Business Journal*, *Bittersweet Monthly* and, of course, *Comment*.



Bishop Ken Carter

BISHOP | **Florida / Western NC United Methodist Church**

Sector *Denominational Leadership*

Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. is resident bishop of the Western North Carolina and Florida Conferences of the United Methodist Church. Along with the two Cabinets of these annual conferences, he gives pastoral and administrative leadership to over 2000 congregations, fresh expressions of church, campus ministries and outreach initiatives. Prior to his election and consecration as a bishop in 2012, he served as a pastor for twenty-eight years, primarily in Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Bishop Carter was the president of the (global) Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church from 2018-2020, and he was one of three moderators of The Commission on a Way Forward, from 2016 to 2018. In addition to his responsibilities with the Florida and Western NC Conferences, he serves as bishop-in-residence and a consulting faculty member at Duke University Divinity School. He is author of a number of books, including a memoir, *God Will Make a Way* (Abingdon Press, 2021). His great hope for the church is that she will rediscover an orthodox Christian faith which offers the radically inclusive grace of God to all people, and at the same time calls every follower of Jesus to inner holiness, missional compassion, justice rooted in the gospel and hopeful witness.



Aaron McKethan

GENERAL MANAGER | New Ventures at Aledade, Inc.

Sector *Healthcare Entrepreneurship*

Aaron McKethan is General Manager of New Ventures at Aledade, Inc., a mission-driven health care company committed to strengthening primary care. Aaron's career has centered on improving population health through innovation, policy, and local engagement.

As a federal official at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Aaron directed the \$260 million Beacon Communities program which enabled 17 diverse communities to launch local initiatives. As Research Director at the Brookings Institution, Aaron advised congressional staff and led development of a bipartisan package of reforms that the *Washington Post* later called "essential reading" prior to passage of the Affordable Care Act. More recently, at a state level, Aaron served as North Carolina's first Chief Data Officer at the Department of Health and Human Services, where he led or contributed to initiatives in such areas as Medicaid reform, the opioid crisis, and infant mortality.

Aaron is also a serial entrepreneur. He has founded, led, and exited two venture-backed health technology companies focused on improving population health outcomes through analytics and technology. Aaron holds a PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and he serves as senior policy fellow at the Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy and is adjunct professor at the Duke School of Medicine.

Aaron serves on several non-profit boards, including the Samaritan Health Center, a medical clinic serving people regardless of ability to pay. Aaron and his wife Sarah are raising four children in Durham, NC and are licensed foster parents.



Sanyin Siang

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | Fuqua/Coach K Center on Leadership & Ethics

Sector *Higher Education & Business Leadership*

Sanyin Siang is the founding Executive Director of Duke University's Coach K Leadership & Ethics Center at its Fuqua School of Business. The center regularly convenes think tanks to explore cutting-edge issues and is also a leadership laboratory that helps in a baseline leadership experience for every Daytime MBA student. Drawing on her science & engineering background, Sanyin is also an adjunct associate professor with Duke's Pratt School of Engineering and a Sr. Fellow with the Ormond Center at Duke Divinity School.

Recognized by Thinkers50 (the Premier Global Ranking of Management Thinkers) as the world's Most Influential Coach & Mentor, Sanyin helps founders and C-Suite Teams cultivate their innate and distinctive strengths, build stronger teams and codify organizational culture.

Sanyin is author of the award-winning *The Launch Book* that draws on stories and behavioral science principles to help readers transition boldly through change and launches. Her thought-leadership has been recognized and featured in *Forbes*, *Fortune*, *Inc.*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *World Economic Forum Platform*. She amplifies insights and exemplars to more than 1,000,000 followers on LinkedIn and was named to LinkedIn's Top Global Influencers Voices Lists in 2017 & 2018.

Sanyin is a leadership advisor for GV (formerly Google Ventures) and an investor and advisor in tech startups. Her board service has included the Museum of Life & Science, The Emily Krzyzewski Center, The US Congressional Award Foundation Advisory Board. She is an alumna of the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (the US Department of Defense's most prestigious civilian program).

Sanyin received her MBA and BSE in biomedical engineering from Duke University. She lives in Durham with the loves of her life (her husband Chad and 3 kids (Sophie, Charlotte, and Oliver)).



Joanna Taft

FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | Harrison Center

Sector *Art & Nonprofit Leadership*

Joanna Taft serves as Founding Executive Director of the Harrison Center, a leader in neighborhood cultural development; Founder and Board Chair Emeritus of Herron High School, ranking the top 3% of public schools nationwide; She is a pioneer in the field of creative placemaking.

For these endeavors, she has received the Indianapolis Business Journal Women of Influence Award, the Girls Inc. Touchstone Award, Heritage Place Lifetime Achievement Award, Arts Council of Indianapolis ARTI Award, Jefferson Award, Monumental Award, and two Cultural Vision awards. She is a graduate of the Stanley K. Lacy Class XXXII and was a 2012 Creative Renewal Fellow.

She also serves on the boards of Marion County Board of Zoning Appeals (Chair), Indianapolis Public Library Foundation, Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation (Treasurer) and the Katharine B. Sutphin Foundation (President).



Noah Toly

PROVOST | Calvin College

Sector *Higher Education Leadership*

Dr. Noah Toly is the Provost at Calvin College. Formerly, he served as the Executive Director of the Center for Urban Engagement and Professor of Urban Studies and Politics & International Relations at Wheaton College. He also serves as Non-Resident Senior Fellow for Global Cities at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and has taught on cities and urbanism in the Free University of Berlin's Center for Global Politics. He has also held appointments as Senior Fellow at the University of Chicago's Martin Marty Center for the Public Understanding of Religion, Associate Fellow at the University of Virginia's Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, and Visiting Scholar at Duke Divinity School. In 2015, he was the first recipient of the Emerging Public Intellectual award given by a coalition of faith-based North American think tanks in collaboration with the Centre for Christian Scholarship at Redeemer University College. He currently serves on the Advisory Council of Together Chicago.

Dr. Toly is a frequent speaker on cities, urban life, and the environment. Along with invited lectures at colleges and universities, he has given invited talks to industry groups, investment professionals, and municipal administrations. His most recent book, *The Gardeners' Dirty Hands: Environmental Politics & Christian Ethics* (Oxford University Press, 2019) was awarded the Aldersgate Prize, an award that "celebrates the outstanding achievement of an author whose scholarly inquiry challenges reductionistic trends in academia by yielding a broad, integrative analysis of life's complexities and shedding fresh light on ultimate questions that enliven Christian conceptions of human flourishing."



Howard-John Wesley

PASTOR | Alfred Street Baptist Church

Sector *Pastor & Local Church Leadership*

Howard-John Wesley of Alexandria, Virginia is the pastor of Alfred Street Baptist Church, the eighth to be installed in the 213-year history of the congregation. He is nationally known as a preacher and teacher, and has seen Alfred Street grow substantially during his tenure. He has fostered the church's engagement with domestic violence awareness, mentoring programs for youth, human trafficking, and after incarceration assistance. He is often a guest on various MSNBC talk shows discussing social justice issues, and he is the recipient of the 2016 NAACP Chairman's Image Award, which celebrates the accomplishments of people of color in the fields of television, music, literature and film and also honors individuals or groups who promote social justice through creative endeavors. He holds a B.S. from Duke University, an M.Div. from Boston University School of Theology, and a D.Min. from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. Howard-John is an avid golfer who also enjoys movies, reading, and working out. He is the proud father of two sons, Howard-John II and Cooper Reece.

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