



## SUMMER IN THE CITY OUTSTANDING PREACHER SERIES

We are proud to present our third annual “**Summer in the City**” outstanding preacher series. As a worshipping community, this series brings us:

- Renowned and gifted international and local preachers
- A broader and diverse church perspective
- Prophetic voices of our time

This year we are drawing from a wide geographic area – from London to Phoenix, and from New York back here to Washington, DC. We are pleased to have with us the following preachers:

**Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño, Phoenix, AZ**  
**Rev. H. Lionel Edmonds, Washington, DC**  
**Rev. Dr. Leslie John Griffiths, London, England**  
**Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, New York, NY**

Each of these ministers will preach on one Sunday in the month of July at both the 9:30 and the 11:00 a.m. services. Please make every effort to join us in hearing these gifted preachers.

### Sunday, July 5

**Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño**  
**Desert Southwest Conference**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**

**“Keep It Simple”**

**Scripture: Mark 6: 6b-13**



Five years ago, Bishop Minerva Carcaño became the first Hispanic woman to be elected to the episcopacy of The United Methodist Church. A native of Edinburg, Texas, Bishop

Carcaño spent her early years of life aspiring to make a difference in the lives of persons who faced poverty and discrimination.

She has served congregations in Texas, New Mexico, and California and in 1986 she became the first Hispanic woman to be appointed a United Methodist district superintendent, serving in that capacity in West Texas and New Mexico and later in Portland, Oregon. Carcaño also was the director of the Mexican American Program at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Not forgetting her roots and early hopes, her ministry has always involved work with the poor, with farm workers, immigrants, and refugees, even as she encourages congregations to work ecumenically and to be active in community organizing.

Bishop Carcaño's latest work is I Believe in Jesus, a spiritual growth study for the United Methodist Women's School of Christian Mission.

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### **Sunday, July 12**

**Rev. H. Lionel Edmonds**  
**Senior Pastor**  
**Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church**  
**Washington, DC**



**“Staying on the King’s Road”**

**Scripture: Numbers 20: 17**

The Reverend H. Lionel Edmonds grew up in Fort Wayne, IN and came to Washington, DC to attend the University of the District of Columbia where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Philosophy. He earned his Master of Divinity Degree from Howard University School of Divinity. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Spiritual Formation at Catholic University.

Rev. Edmonds has served as the Senior Pastor of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church since 1992. He has led the congregation in creating a national and local ministry addressing spiritual and social needs and concerns. By serving as the co-founder and President of the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) he has worked to help produce a \$100,000,000 Neighborhood Investment Fund for affordable housing, living wage jobs and educational opportunities. In 2003, he was asked to develop a national partnership between Fortune 500 Companies and the faith community.

Rev. Edmonds' preaching ministry has carried him into the pulpits of European cathedrals, to conventions, and to many churches across the U.S. He is an avid jazz listener as well as a musician, published poet and lover of Christ and the Church.

Lionel and his wife Joyce of over twenty-five years have one son, David.

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## **Sunday, July 19**

**Rev. Dr. Leslie John Griffiths**  
**Superintendent Minister**  
**Wesley's Chapel**  
**London, England**



9:30 service:  
**“Sheep Without a Shepherd”**  
11:00 service:  
**“Built on Foundations”**

**Scriptures:**  
**Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56; Ephesians 2: 11-22**

Rev. Dr. Leslie John Griffiths is a Methodist minister who has served as the Superintendent Minister of Wesley's Chapel in London since 1996. In 2004, he received a Life Peerage in the House of Lords, where he sits with the Labor Party.

Leslie became a local preacher in the Methodist Church of Great Britain in 1963. He completed a Master of Arts in Theology at Cambridge in 1969. He was ordained to the Methodist ministry in Haiti in January, 1973 and has served in numerous circuits including Wesley's Chapel. He was the President of the Methodist Conference in 1994-1995. Leslie currently is the Chairman of the College of Preachers.

The foundation of his awareness of and involvement in international affairs was laid in the period when he lived in Haiti from 1970 – 1980. He has led various initiatives in such matters as: community development, irrigation, clean water, primary health care, adult literacy, reforestation, and spiritual development. In 1987 Griffiths completed a PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. He has written six books and has broadcast on the BBC for two decades.

Leslie and his wife Margaret have three grown married children.

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## **Sunday, July 26**

**Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli**  
**Minister for Younger Adults**  
**Christ Church**  
**New York, New York**



**“The Choice is...God's?”**

**Scriptures:**  
**Philippians 4: 1-13; Exodus 32: 1-14; Matthew 22: 1-14**

Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli was raised in First United Methodist Church in Sapulpa, OK. She did her undergrad work in religious studies at Southwestern University. She received her Masters of Divinity degree in 1996 from Yale University Divinity School.

Ginger has served the church since 1993 and is an ordained Elder in the Baltimore-Washington Conference, serving as Pastor of Francis Asbury UMC in Rockville and Capitol Hill UMC in Washington. Currently, she serves as the Minister for Younger Adults at Christ Church, United Methodist in Manhattan. Under her leadership, the congregations she has served have more than doubled worship attendance, increased intentional ministries of justice and direct service, and have adapted their leadership structures to reflect changing needs and vision.

Ginger is married to Anthony Cirelli, a Roman Catholic theologian who serves as Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at St. John's University in NYC. They live with their dog and cats in Brooklyn NY.