



**Ambassador Deborah Birx, M.D., U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator & Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy**

Ambassador Birx is a world-renowned medical expert and leader in the field of HIV/AIDS. Her three-decade-long career has focused on HIV/AIDS immunology, vaccine research, and global health. As the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Ambassador Birx oversees the implementation of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the largest commitment by any nation to combat a single disease in history, as well as all U.S. Government engagement with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Serving as the U.S. Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy, she aligns the U.S. Government's diplomacy with foreign assistance programs that address global health challenges and accelerate progress toward: achieving an AIDS-free generation; ending preventable child and maternal deaths; and preventing, detecting, and responding to infectious disease threats. Ambassador Birx will be the banquet speaker **Friday, October 26th at 6 p.m.**



**Hydeia Broadbent, HIV/AIDS Youth Activist**

At birth, Hydeia Broadbent was abandoned at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas where Patricia and Loren Broadbent adopted her as an infant. Although her HIV condition was congenital, she was not diagnosed as HIV-positive with advancement to AIDS until age three. The prognosis was that she would not live past the age of five. Now at the age of 33, Hydeia spends her time spreading the message of HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, by: promoting abstinence, safe-sex practices (for people who choose to have sex) and national HIV testing initiatives. Hydeia began her debut as an HIV/AIDS activist and public speaker at six years old. By 12 years old, Hydeia appeared on many national television programs including Oprah, 20/20, Good Morning America and "A Conversation with Magic Johnson" on Nickelodeon. She has been featured in prominent publications including *The New York Times*, *People*, *Essence*, *Ebony*, *Health Quest*, *POZ*, *National Geographic*, and *Real Health*. Hydeia also co-graced the cover of *TV Guide*. Hydeia will be speaking at the **Friday, October 26th noon luncheon.**



**Bishop Minerva Carcaño, San Francisco Area Episcopal Leader**

Bishop Minerva Garza Carcaño was elected to the episcopacy in 2004 by the Western Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church, the first Hispanic female ever elected bishop. She was assigned to the Phoenix Area in 2004. After 8 years, she was assigned to the San Francisco Area in 2012. She did her undergraduate work at the University of Texas at Pan American, and then earned her Masters of Theology at Perkins School of Theology. She has encouraged and led congregations to be active in community organizing and to work ecumenically believing that communities hold the experience and wisdom to create a world of justice and peace if they will but come together. Bishop Carcaño preached during the 2010 UMC *Lighten the Burden III/AIDS* Conference in Dallas and will serve as the preacher during the *Breaking Barriers AIDS* Conference at the opening worship service **Thursday, October 25th at 8:30 p.m.**



**Bishop Tracy Smith Malone, *East Ohio Annual Conference Episcopal Leader***

Bishop Tracy S. Malone was assigned to the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist September, 2016. She has a Masters of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, where she was selected as a Crusade Scholar, Maceo D. Pembroke Scholar and a Bishop Edsel A. Ammons Scholar. Malone earned a Doctorate of Ministry and an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. In May, 2018 she delivered the commencement address to UTS graduates proclaiming “Meaningful ministry and transformational leadership is more than what you do, it’s how you do it – with humility, compassion and courage.” Her doctoral dissertation was entitled *Evangelism: Reestablishing a Historical Understanding of Mission and Developing a Ministry that Partners Witness and Social Action*. Bishop Malone is the Bible Study Leader at the Conference and will be speaking **Friday, October 26th at 8 a.m.**



**Bishop Julius Trimble, *Indiana Annual Conference Episcopal Leader***

Bishop Julius Trimble is the episcopal leader of the Indiana Annual Conference and Chair of the United Methodist Global AIDS Committee. Bishop Julius C. Trimble was assigned in 2016 to the Indiana Episcopal Area of The UMC after serving 8 years in the Iowa Annual Conference. Trimble is a graduate of Illinois State University, earned his Master of Divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Ashland Theological Seminary in Ohio. During the December 2017 Advent Commencement of United Theological Seminary (UTS) in Dayton, Ohio, Trimble delivered the commencement address and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. UTS noted his engagement in faith-based work to address social justice issues, as well as his work of advocacy for the United Methodist Global Health Initiative, especially in the efforts, make the world malaria and AIDS-free. Bishop Trimble will be preaching at the closing worship service **Saturday, October 27th at 1:00 p.m.**



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