

Celebrating Over 85 Years of Service to the Community

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Meditation / Empowerment Service - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 11, 2025 / 6267

“Building Strong Families On
An African Foundation”

An Empowering Discussion Panel with
Torrence BRANNON-Reese, and
LaDonna Hightower



Empowerment Message Facilitated By
Rev. Erica Ni Maat Ra Byrd



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**Service Opens with Reflection and Meditation
Welcome The Ancestors / Libation**

“Ancestor Spirit Come By Here”

Ancestor Spirits, won't you come by here;
We need your presence near.

One mind one power making all things clear;
Ancestor Spirits, won't you come by here?
Somebody's praying Spirit, come by here.
Somebody's singing Spirit, come by here.

**Welcome Visitors / Introduction of Ministers & Staff /
Explanation of Terms / Who We Are / What We Believe**

STATEMENT OF BEING

SPIRIT IS ALL; Both Invisible and Visible;
One Presence; One Mind; One Power is ALL.

This That Is ALL Is Perfect Life, Perfect Love, And Perfect Substance.

I Am an Individualized Expression of The ALL.

I Am Ever One With Its Perfect Life, Perfect Love, And Perfect Substance.

MISSION & PURPOSE

The mission and purpose of KRST Unity Center is to provide a loving and supportive atmosphere for personal and spiritual growth for all people to learn how to apply the KRST principles to master their lives.

THE KRST PRINCIPLE

The Kemetic (Ancient Egyptian) Principle of the Christ -The Transformative power of The All that is within each and every person and thing.

THE PRINCIPLES OF MAAT

Truth, Justice, Righteousness, Propriety, Harmony,
Order, Balance, and Reciprocity

THE VIRTUES

I Control My Thoughts
I Control My Actions

I Have Devotion And Steadfastness Of Purpose

I Identify With A Spiritual Life Or Higher Ideals

I Show Evidence Of Having A Mission In Life

I Cultivate A Call To Spiritual Orders Or The Priesthood

I Am Free From Resentment Under The Experience Of Wrong-Doing

I Have Confidence In The Power Of The Master To Teach The Truth

I Have Confidence In My Ability To Learn And Wield The Truth

I Am Ready And Prepared For All Initiation Processes

WEEKLY AFFIRMATION—Sunday, May 11, 2025

Today I give thanks for those who have come before me, and for the life I live because they gave of their light life, and love.

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MEET THE PANALIST

Torrence BRANNON-Reese aka Torrè is an all-around artist/Renaissance man – a singer, poet, writer, guitarist, educator, community advocate, father, grandfather, writer, event coordinator, and accomplished leader in a multiplicity of fields.



In 1992, he founded FAMLII, Inc., the Foundation for Arts, Mentoring, Leadership and Innovation, and incorporated in 1993 as a 501 © (3) nonprofit agency. In 1993 Mr. Brannon-Reese launched the Los Angeles Malcolm X Festival, which ran concurrent with the annual Strategies Conference, for African

American males, which he co-chaired, for 15 years until 2007.

As a musical artist, Mr. Brannon-Reese co-founded and sings lead and background with the Street Corner Renaissance, an international travelled and known a capella doo-wop vocal quintet, featured in 2015 on the hit NBC TV show The Sing Off. His backing New Orleans-style band, Everything with Soul, preserves and promotes the music of New Orleans and classic soul music.

Mr. Brannon-Reese's signature event the I've Known Rivers FILM FESTIVAL of Arts, Culture, and Education is in its 7th year. His book, entitled See A Man, Be A Man, Transforming the Lives of Young Men of Color, is due for completion in 2019.

LaDonna Hightower

A Black single mom raising two young men, one is 8 years old and in grade school, the other is 21, in the Army, is independent, and helping his mom.

LaDonna works in the field of Social work, sits on the board of FA-MLI Inc, and has also had her own businesses.

PRAYER LIST (Send prayer requests call 323-759-7567)

We send healing love and light to The family of Nate Holden, who recently made his transition. We pray for Marvin Deal, Bro Ron Hall, Cecil Green, Nastasha Wilson, Jawanza Dumasini, Lillian Perry, Bro. Yaw Davis, Momma Mason Byrd, Raymond Booker, Jr., Margaret Zamaroni, Roxanne Hart, Asantwaa Lewis, Carol Spears, Daniel Shelby, Jason and Asante Re Smith, Jahlamb Sinclair, the Board Members, and membership of KRST Unity Center. If you are feeling isolated, and alone, misunderstood, overwhelmed and overlooked, know that the grace of the Ntru embrace you in Mer and the earth was created to nourish you with the understanding of your true nature. You cannot fail. Listen to the voice within and know everything you need has already been given to you. You are powerful and unlimited. **You were created for good.**

Announcements for Sunday, May 11, 2025 KRST UNITY CLASS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

- Five Years After George Floyd...Wed, May 21st., at 4:00 p.m. At the Hall of (In) Justice located at 211 Temple St. Los Angeles, CA
- You are invited to set up an **Information Booth or Table** at the 33rd Annual Malcolm X Festival. The Foundation for Arts, Mentorship, Leadership, and Innovation (FAMLI, Inc.), led by Torrence Brannon-Reese, Founder/CEO, is hosting a spectacular, community-wide celebration at Leimert Park "Black Arts" Village on **Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 12 noon to 7:00 pm** on the anniversary of the Minister's 100th Birthday weekend (May 1925 - 2025).
- Do you have tech experience? KRST Unity needs you. If you can commit to on-going tech support for the Empowerment Service, please contact Bro. Sa Men Ra at 310-989-5424 or leave a message at the Center's office at 323-759-7567.
- Center for Black Power hosts Black Lives Matter Monthly organizing meeting this evening at 7pm at 3349 W 43rd ST. LA. CA 90008.
- Check out the KRST Unity Thrift Store, located in the Hall of Maat. Clothes, shoes, books, small wares, kitchen accessories and more. Hours and times located on the flyer in the Bulletin.
- The Rev. Meri Ka Ra food distribution program serves the community every second and fourth Thursday of the month, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come by and what we are sharing. Volunteers are always needed to help setup, takedown, distribution and cleanup.
- The Friday night study at 7:00 p.m. is currently working from the book "Wretched Kush" By Stuart Tyson Smith (2003). Donation requested. Books can be purchased through Shades of Africa bookstore in Long Beach.
- Each and every day, we at KRST Unity give thanks to our ancestors. They gave us THIS Spiritual Center with the charge to serve the community and all who cross our threshold. Everyone is welcome to share in our wisdom, strength, and guidance. Because of these we are empowered to share, uplift, and most importantly teach all to honor and preserve our rich African culture and history. Therefore, we all must pledge to support this one of a kind Spiritual Center through weekly or monthly continuous support, which can be setup through Cash App and PayPal, regular donations by cash, checks made payable to CUC /KRST Unity Center, debit or credit card, and participate in fundraising activities. We thank you for your love of this KRST Unity Center. KRST is a member-driven organization.

DAILY WORD

**Bad conduct is what is attributed to youth.
Bad character is what is attributed to elders.**

Igbo

Àgwà ojọọ bụ ihe a na-ekwu na ọ bụ ntorobịa.
Àgwà ojọọ bụ ihe a na-akpọ ndị okenye.

Swahili

Tabia mbaya ndiyo inayohusishwa na vijana.
Tabia mbaya ndiyo inahusishwa na wazee.

Spanish

La mala conducta se atribuye a los jóvenes.
El mal carácter se atribuye a los mayores.

Yoruba

Iwa buburu jẹ ohun ti a da si ọdọ.
Iwa buburu ni ohun ti a da si awọn agbalagba.

MDW

Iqts inut m ikhst m hmsut n ihun.
Iqts skhr m ikhst m hmsut n sr.

Congregational Song / Announcements Voices of Unity /Offering Prayer

Divine love through me, blesses and multiplies all that I am;
all that I have; all that at I give and all that I receive.
I give feely, and I receive abundantly.

Empowerment Message

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**Unity Circle / Welcome Guests / Call to Join Benediction
Weekly Affirmation
Ankh, Ujah, Snb — (Life, Health, Strength)
Closing**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing 'Til earth and heaven ring—Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise High as the list'ning skies—Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us / Sing a song full of the hope that
the present has brought us / Facing the rising sun of our new day begun /
Let us march on 'til victory is won
God of our weary years God of our silent tears; Thou who has brought us
us thus far on the way
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light / Keep us forever in the path, we pray
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee / Lest, our hearts drunk with
the wine of the world, we forget Thee / Shadowed beneath Thy hand May we forever stand
True to our God True to our native land Let us march on 'til victory... March on 'til
Victory...March on 'til victory is won.