

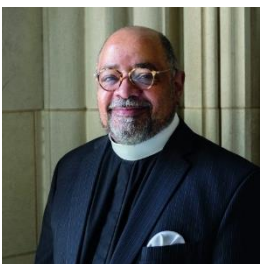
Locked Out of Literacy: Tackling the Illiteracy Crisis Together

GLR Learning Tuesdays

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 | 3 pm – 4:30 pm ET

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PANELISTS



The Rev. Canon Leonard L. Hamlin, Sr.

Canon Missioner

Washington National Cathedral

The Rev. Canon Leonard L. Hamlin Sr. was appointed the Canon Missioner of the Washington National Cathedral in March 2018 and serves as the Minister of Equity and Inclusion after serving the Macedonia Baptist Church as Pastor for 22 years. Canon Hamlin oversees the Washington National Cathedral's outreach, social justice, racial justice and reconciliation initiatives, interfaith relationships, and assists the equipping of the Cathedral community and the congregation to serve the local, regional, and national communities.

Dr. Hamlin received his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, Master of Divinity Degree, and Doctor of Ministry Degree from Howard University. His dissertation is entitled "Learning from Our Theological Past: The Historical Context of Black Religious Thought and the Challenges for Contemporary Ministry." While attending the Howard University School of Divinity, Dr. Hamlin was selected as a Ford Foundation Research Fellow and recipient of the Benjamin E. Mays Scholarship for Education and Commitment to the ministry administered through the Fund for theological Education. He completed the (SLI) Summer Leadership Institute Continuing Education Program of the Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, an executive training program for clergy, lay leaders, and community activists who are involved in faith-based community economic development and addressing social concerns. Dr. Hamlin is a graduate of the Leadership Center of Arlington's Leadership Arlington, recipient of the Leadership Center of Arlington's "Leadership Legacy Award", served as Chair of Arlington County's county-wide Diversity Dialogues, Chair of the Arlington County Affordable Housing Study Working Group in the development of Arlington County's Affordable Housing Master Plan and for his contributions and service to the Arlington community, he was presented with the "Key to the County" by the Arlington County Board.

Dr. Hamlin has served and been appointed to numerous, faith-based and governmental boards, commissions, agencies and is a former Commissioner and Vice-Chair for the Prince George's County Maryland Housing Authority. He is currently a member of the of the District of Columbia Mayor's Interfaith Council and the Bowie State University Spirituality and Student Development Advisory Group.



Chris Helfrich
Chief Executive Officer
Eat. Learn. Play.

Chris Helfrich is a social entrepreneur and nonprofit leader committed to finding innovative solutions to community-based issues and problems. Currently, Chris is President and CEO of Stephen and Ayesha Curry's Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation (ELP), which he helped launch in July 2019. With a mission to unleash the potential of every child, Eat. Learn. Play. is committed to improving the lives of kids and families in Oakland, the Bay Area and across the country. The organization supports children by fighting to end childhood hunger, ensuring students have access to a quality education and providing safe places for children to play and be active.



Jeff Martin
Founder and President
Children's Literacy Project
Producer, Sentenced

Jeff Martin is the founder and president of the Children's Literacy Project and co-producer of the film "Sentenced." He is an acclaimed producer of award-winning, impactful documentaries such as "UNDIVIDED," "A RIVER BETWEEN US," and "LORD, SAVE US FROM YOUR FOLLOWERS." Through the Children's Literacy Project, Jeff leverages powerful media to bring essential resources and volunteers to our most at-risk public schools, championing the cause of childhood literacy.



David Moore, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
School District of Indian River County

Dr. Moore currently serves as the Superintendent of Schools for the School District of Indian River County (SDIRC). Upon his arrival in Indian River, he initiated work to completely re-envision education in the District and solidified a framework for systems change through the development and implementation of the ACHIEVE 2025 District Strategic Plan. Dr. Moore continued to move forward with significant shifts in practice to maximize student learning outcomes, including annually revising and implementing a District Strategic Plan and African American Achievement Plan; creating systems of support to enhance the quality of instruction in classrooms; establishing leadership academies for administrators and instructional coaches; developing the infrastructure and educational culture in which data-driven decision-making thrives; successfully negotiating a multi-year teacher contract and salary raises for all teachers; and securing an operating millage to provide fiscal resources needed to expand district supports. Additionally, Dr. Moore was named as a National School Public Relations Association "Superintendent to Watch 2021," and completed the Yale University Fellowship Program for Educational Leaders and the Florida Chief Executive Officers-District Leadership Program during the 2022-2023 academic year. Under Dr. Moore's leadership, during the 2021-2022 academic year, the SDIRC realized an improvement of 16 state rankings for the District Grade from a ranking of 38 in 2018-2019 to a ranking of 22.

This improvement in rankings showed the highest rate of improvement in the State of Florida, with the exception of one other small district that also increased a comparable number of state rankings. More recently, during the 2022-2023 academic year, the SDIRC was the most improved school district in the State of Florida when compared to the 2018-2019 academic year, increasing 25 state rankings from 38 (18-19) to 13 (22-23). Additionally, Spring State Assessment results showed that the percentage of students in the SDIRC performing on grade level or above, exceeded state percentages in all content areas tested, ultimately resulting in the SDIRC being named a “Grade A” school district. This performance is an unprecedented achievement in the SDIRC.

Prior to becoming superintendent, Dr. Moore served as an Assistant Superintendent for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), the fourth largest school district in the nation. During his more recent years with MDCPS, Dr. Moore led the Division of Academic Support (DAS) which encompasses the Education Transformation Office (ETO), Student Services, and the Office of School Improvement (OSI). Dr. Moore was instrumental in redesigning each area under his supervision and significantly contributed to M-DCPS becoming one of the nation’s highest performing urban school districts. Under Dr. Moore’s leadership, the ETO experienced a reduction in the percentage of schools supported by the Office due to being identified as performing below a “C,” from 83 percent in 2015 to just one percent in 2019. Dr. Moore led the charge which resulted in M-DCPS having zero schools with a designated school grade of “F” over a span of three years. Additionally, schools supported by the ETO realized drastic improvements in students scoring proficient within all content areas.

MODERATOR



Joy Thomas Moore
Senior Consultant
Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

Joy Thomas Moore is a Peabody Award winner and President and CEO of JWS Media Consulting. Prior to starting her consulting business full time, Moore worked for 15 years with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a private philanthropy dedicated to helping build better futures for disadvantaged children and families in the United States.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Moore was a freelance writer and field producer in the New York City area, where she contributed to numerous award-winning local and nationally syndicated television programs, including ESSENCE: The Television Program, where for five years she was the senior writer for the weekly program.

Before television, the Moore served in a variety of editorial positions at WMAL-AM radio, the ABC-owned and operated station in Washington, D.C. Among other accolades for her work in radio, the George Foster Peabody Award for Public Service for the 1972 documentary was awarded for “Suffer the Little Children,” a multi-part series on sexually abused children. For three years she also served as an adjunct professor in the Journalism Department at Howard University.

Moore serves on numerous nonprofit boards, including the Mid Atlantic Equity Consortium, and as board chair of the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative. A national organization based in Baltimore, GHHI addresses the social determinants of health and racial equity through the creation of healthy, safe, and energy efficient housing.

Moore earned both her B.A. in Urban Communications and a M.A. in Broadcast Journalism at the American University in Washington, D.C. She has three grown children, including the Governor of Maryland, Wes Moore, two grandchildren and she resides in Maryland.