

# AALO NEWS



**Dr. Dewayne Winrow** is the Senior Pastor at the Reseda Church of Christ and he spoke passionately about the dialogue that needs to happen between police officials, policy makers and the community to bridge the gap that exists. He is very much in favor of community-based policing. *"When young people see police officers, they should see a police officer who belongs to that community and not occupation forces."* Winrow said.



Dr. Winrow shared this message: *"We want to initiate the dialogue between African-American leaders and police and governmental officials. And share visions, whether they are competing or not, to become the beloved community God intended through harmony, peace and reconciliation."*

He added that one meeting will not make this happen but he feels that this is the right time to start meaningful conversations that can lead to positive changes.

## COMMUNITY TOWNHALL RACE RECONCILIATION Initiative Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 7:00 pm

PRAYER SERVICE AND DEVOTION BEGINS AT 6:30 PM

*"Bridging the gap between Community and Police Relations"*

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A word of prayer started the formal part of the townhall meeting held in the sanctuary of the **Reseda Church of Christ**. More than 200 people gathered to hear from pastors, community leaders, elected officials and police officers regarding the steps that should be taken to bring about peace and justice in our communities. The news media recorded the dialogue, interactions and reactions.

### THE PANEL DISCUSSION



A panel of informed individuals was asked to hear from the community, answer questions and share their perspectives on how we can begin to bridge the gap between the police and people in the communities they serve.

**Dr. Dudley Chatman**, Greater Community Missionary Church  
**Pastor Ira Woodfin-Dickason**, Parks Chapel AME Church  
**Vivian Ekchian**, LAUSD Local District Northwest  
**Captain Ernest Eskridge**, LAPD Foothill Division  
**Theo Gales**, San Fernando Valley NAACP  
**Deputy Chief Bob Green**, LAPD, Valley Operations  
**Monica Ratliff**, LAUSD Board, District 6  
**Sammy Riley, Jr.**, African American Leadership Organization  
**Dr. Joyce Watts**, The Village Nation

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Dr. Chatman and Theo Gales are interviewed by celebrity show host, Sherard Sharpe for a segment on "The Sherard Show."



Dr. Winrow connects with LAPD officers before the meeting.



Vivian Ekchian, LAUSD Northwest District

Jory Rand, KABC-TV  
Marlene Rowlett, AAOL

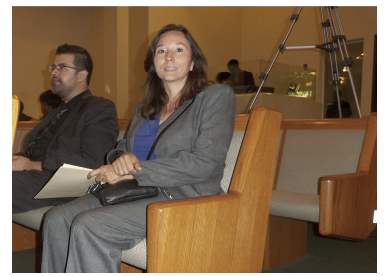


## Community Townhall: Race Reconciliation

Before the formal portion of the Townhall meeting, people gathered in the Chapel for refreshments and conversations.



People were encouraged to ask questions : "What gaps do you see as a leader of law enforcement in understanding the community? What practices are currently under review to mitigate and close those gaps?"



Monica Ratliff, LAUSD Board

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