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Presidential Advisory Council on  
**HIV/AIDS**

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**NEW PACHA MEMBER BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**



**Jeffrey S. Akman, MD**

Vice President for Health Affairs, George Washington University  
Dean, GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences  
Washington, D.C.

As the leader of the eleventh oldest medical school in the nation, Dr. Jeffrey Akman has articulated a bold vision for the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) to be involved in the eradication of HIV/AIDS through research, community partnerships and the development of an innovative clinical public health curriculum for medical students and physicians in training.

Dr. Akman's leadership in HIV/AIDS dates back to the beginning of the epidemic where, as a psychiatric physician, he began treating patients with HIV/AIDS in 1983. He was part of a handful of physicians who created the field of HIV/AIDS psychiatry and served on the American Psychiatric Association's Commission on AIDS. Through funding by the NIH/NIMH and as President of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association he helped lead national efforts related to HIV/AIDS education for health professionals.

His efforts related to HIV/AIDS in the District of Columbia are extensive and have included service on the Mayor of the District of Columbia's Commission on HIV/AIDS and on multiple nonprofit boards including Whitman Walker Health (where he served as President). He serves as a member of the Oversight Committee of the NIH-funded District of Columbia Center for AIDS Research and as a founding board member of the GW SMHS Rodham Institute, whose mission is dedicated to achieving health equity in the Washington, DC community.



**Oliver Clyde Allen, III**

Presiding Bishop, United Progressive Pentecostal Fellowship of Churches  
Atlanta, Georgia

Oliver Clyde Allen, III is a human rights activist, national LGBT community leader, Social Justice advocate and the Presiding Bishop of the *United Progressive Pentecostal Fellowship* of Churches. He oversees senior pastors, ministers, churches and faith-based organizations throughout the United States and abroad committed to a theology of social justice. He is the Senior Pastor and Founder of the Vision Church of Atlanta. Bishop Allen is the Executive Director of The Vision Community Foundation Inc., a non-profit organization created to address socioeconomic and health gaps in the greater Atlanta community. The Vision Community Foundation annually feeds over 20,000 families and provides HIV/AIDS counseling, testing and access to care. Bishop Allen has worked with AIDS Survival Project, AID Atlanta and AID Gwinnett. He has been honored by a host of community and national groups including the Georgia House of Representatives in 2012.

In 2014, Bishop Allen was inducted into the prestigious Martin Luther King Jr. International Board of Preachers of Morehouse College. As a strong proponent for social and economic justice, he created and hosted a national Economic and Business Conference for LGBT Entrepreneurs in conjunction with the efforts of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Bishop Allen served as a regional spokesperson for the National Black Justice Coalition LGBT Economic Empowerment Tour for communities of color. He has worked closely with the U.S. Small Business Administration to provide support to LGBT and other minority entrepreneurs in the community.

In April 2015, the Georgia District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration awarded Bishop Allen the 2015 LGBT Business Champion of the Year Award for his strong advocacy for minority business initiatives and development. Bishop Allen was invited by the White House and the Obama Administration to participate in the annual White House Easter Breakfast.

Bishop Allen was born in Los Angeles, California. He studied at Morgan State University, Morehouse College, and Harvard University-Harvard Extension School where he majored in Philosophy and Religion. He is married to his life-partner, Mr. Rashad Burgess of Chicago, Illinois. Rashad Burgess. They are the proud fathers of 2 beautiful children, Joshua and Caylee. In 2013, Bishop Allen and his family made history by being the first Same Gender Loving couple to be selected as one of Ebony Magazine's "top 10 Coolest Black Families" in America.



**Ulysses W. Burley III, MD, MPH**

Program Director  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Chicago, Illinois

Dr. Ulysses W. Burley III is a graduate of Morehouse College and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine (FSM). Ulysses previously held an associate position at Northwestern University FSM Allergy, Asthma and Immunology clinical research unit and currently serves as Program Director for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Strategy on HIV/AIDS.

Although his primary training is in scientific research and clinical medicine, Ulysses has dedicated much of his time to a vocation of social justice advocacy through the Church and community. His primary work with faith groups has been in the area of HIV and AIDS awareness, but also includes mass incarceration, gender and racial justice, food security, and peace in the Middle East. He has been a guest at both the White House and United Nations for consultations on the intersections of faith and HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health rights, respectively. Ulysses is the ELCA Executive Committee member to the World Council of Churches (WCC), and he serves on the WCC Gender Advisory Group and Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance's (EAA) Access to HIV/AIDS Treatment Working Group. He is also a monthly contributor to the online magazine, "The Salt Collective" and has published writings in both medical science and advocacy. When Ulysses is not working or traveling, he serves as a life on life mentor for fatherless teens in Chicago with GRIP Outreach for Youth Program, where he is a member of their Board of Directors.



**Yvette Flunder, D. Min.**

Founder and Senior Pastor, City of Refuge United Church of Christ  
Presiding Bishop, The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries  
Oakland, California

Rev. Dr. Yvette A. Flunder is an unapologetic disciple and proponent of the radically inclusive love of Jesus Christ, who has raised her voice for justice from the church house to the White House and steps of the Supreme Court. She is a graduate of the Certificate of Ministry Studies and Master of Arts programs at Pacific School of Religion, and she received her Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, CA.

In June 2003 Rev. Dr. Flunder was consecrated Presiding Bishop of The Fellowship (founded in 2000 and renamed The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries in 2011), a multi-denominational coalition of over 100 primarily African American Christian leaders and laity representing churches and faith-based organizations from all parts of the United States, and extending to Mexico, three countries in Africa and most recently, Asia. TFAM is in covenantal relationship with The United Church of Christ, The Metropolitan Community Church and The Centers for Spiritual Living.

Responding to the needs of the AIDS epidemic, Bishop Flunder and her staff opened Hazard-Ashley House and Walker House in Oakland and Restoration House in San Francisco through the Ark of Refuge, Inc., a non-profit agency which provided housing, direct services, education and training for persons affected by HIV/AIDS in the Bay Area, throughout the USA and in three countries in Africa. The Ark of Refuge transitioned into the Y. A. Flunder Foundation which continues the work of social justice exemplified through service and public advocacy, including collaborative partnerships to support the Mother of Peace Orphanage in Mutoko, Zimbabwe.



**Gabriel Maldonado, MBA**  
Executive Director and CEO, TruEvolution  
Riverside, California

Gabriel Maldonado is the Executive Director and CEO of TruEvolution — a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting for LGBT justice and advocating for the prevention & elimination of HIV/AIDS in America. He holds a degree in Political Science & International Affairs and an Masters in Business Administration (MBA). Originally from Compton, CA, Gabriel has been a community organizer for almost 10 years and now serves as one of the youngest openly gay appointed officials of color in California as the Human Relations Commissioner and Vice-Chair of the county's HIV Planning Council in Riverside County where he serves transparently as a person living with HIV.