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MEDIA ADVISORY: A Descendant of Elijah Muhammad will not appear at Today's Plenary on Black History and Family Legacies; New event added: "Black Faith Leaders: A Legacy of Service"

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today's Plenary session on "Black History and Family Legacies" will explore the legacies of several major Black historical figures through their family members living today, including: **Kenneth B. Morris, Jr.**, a descendant of Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington; **Michelle Duster**, a descendant of Ida B. Wells; and **A'Lelia Bundles**, a descendant of Madame C.J. Walker—all activists, scholars, and giants in the present-day African-American experience—and all making a difference with their humanitarian work.

The session will not feature a descendant of Elijah Muhammad, as originally reported. The event will still take place Saturday, September 18th, 3:30 to 5:30pm as part of a day-long line up of informative and impactful events.

A newer panel has also been added to the program that will take place today, directly beforehand, from 2:30 to 3:20pm EST. "**Black Faith Leaders: A Legacy of Service**" honors Black clergy who come from multiple generations of clergy members and have a legacy of service to the community. Speakers include: **Otis Moss, III**, of Trinity United Church of Christ; **Carlyle Fielding Stewart, III**, of The Empowerment Church; **Howard-John Wesley**, Alfred Street Baptist Church; and **Leah Daughtry**, The House of the Lord Churches.

This session will be moderated by ASALH's own National President, Dr. Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Victor S. Thomas Professor of History and African American Studies at Harvard University. It will also be livestreamed today free of charge, as a special public service of ASALH, to bring a word of encouragement during these trying times.

The Plenary Sessions are free and open to the public on ASALH TV, ASALH's YouTube Channel. Registration is required to see the full offering of programs during the conference. Registration for the conference and the full schedule can be viewed at the following address: <https://asalh.org/conference>

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