

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 16, 2020

- 1:00 p.m. Registration
- 5:00 p.m. First-time Participants Orientation
- 6:30 p.m. Gathering
- 7:00 p.m. Community Mass

Friday, July 17, 2020

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 7:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Community Mass
- 9:00 a.m. General Session I
- 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Session I
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. General Session II
- 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Session II
- 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation
- 8:00 p.m. Creative Sharing
- Dinner on your own*
- Choir Rehearsal*

Saturday, July 18, 2020

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 7:00 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Community Mass
- 9:00 a.m. General Session III
- 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Session III
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. General Session IV
- 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Session IV
- 5:30 p.m. Next Generation Prayer Service
- Dinner on your own*

Sunday, July 19, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Community Mass
- 11:30 a.m. Commissioning



CONFERENCE SUGGESTED ATTIRE

- Friday — Parish/Ministry T-Shirt
- Saturday — Unity T-Shirt
- Sunday — Cultural Attire

For more information about Unity Explosion 2020

<https://www.unityexplosion-regionx.com>
or info@unityexplosion-regionx.com.

UNITY EXPLOSION

Sowing Seeds for a New Harvest



July 16-19, 2020
Beaumont, Texas

Unity Explosion provides an experience that addresses the expressed ministerial, pastoral, evangelization, and liturgical needs of the black apostolate.

Sponsored by the offices of Black Ministry of Region X, the conference is hosted by the Diocese of Beaumont.



"He who sows good seed is the son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."

— Matthew 13:37-38a



Roderick J. Bell Institute for African American Sacred Music

(Pre-Conference)

The Roderick J. Bell Institute for African American Sacred Music was begun by Roderick Bell, a music prodigy from Houston. The institute provides professional, spiritual, and networking opportunities for musicians, ministers of music, and those interested in pastoral music. The institute also provides an opportunity for composers to present varied genres of new sacred music. The institute precedes Unity Explosion on July 15-16 at the MCM Elegante Hotel. Registration for the Bell Institute is \$100/person and does not include meals. Please register by June 15, 2020.

The Bell Institute will be presented in four sessions:

Wednesday, July 15	8:00 a.m. — 11:45 a.m.
Wednesday, July 15	12:30 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 15	8:30 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 16	7:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Composers will present new music for the liturgical seasons. Compositions will be available for purchase. Those wishing to submit music for presentation must adhere to the following guidelines. Submission must be made no later than June 15, 2020.

1. All works must be copyrighted or submitted with written permission from publishing company and/or composer.
2. Please supply at least 150 copies for distribution.



Most Rev. Curtis J. Guillory, SVD
Bishop of Beaumont



Rev. Manuel B. Williams, CR
Conference Pastor



Rev. Steven Bell, CSP
Next Generation Pastor



Rawn Harbor
Liturgist

Conference Registration. Conference Registration is \$200, which includes conference materials, four (4) meals, and a conference shirt. Registration fees must be received or postmarked by June 15, 2020. Registrations received after June 15 will be considered on-site registrations with no guarantee of meals. *Note: Group rates are not available. There will be a \$35 returned check fee.*

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1, 2020

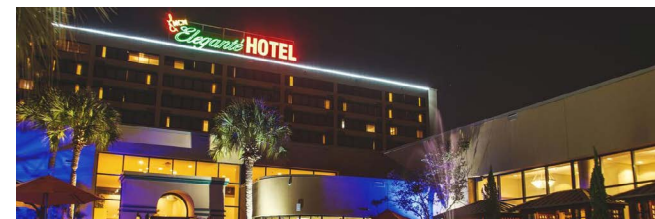
On-site Registration. Conference on-site registration is \$250. On-site registration opens on July 16 at 1:00 p.m. at the registration booth at the hotel. Only cash, money orders, credit or debit cards, and church checks will be accepted for on-site registration, as personal checks will not be accepted. In addition, meals will not be guaranteed. *Note: There will be a \$35 returned check fee.*

Conference Meals. Pre-registration includes four (4) meals for participants: breakfast and lunch on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Participants must indicate special meal accommodations when registering. A hotel restaurant is available as well as nearby restaurants. *Note: Meals are not guaranteed for registrations received after June 15.*

Youth Track. The conference will include general sessions and break-out sessions relevant to issues and concerns pertinent to youth. Youth (PreK-12) are encouraged to participate in the conference and the Bell Institute. Parent consent waivers must accompany each youth registration. At least one chaperone (aged 25 years or older) is required for every eight (8) youth. Boys and girls must have separate hotel rooms. Adults cannot share a hotel room with youth (unless the adult is the parent of the youth).

Young Adults. Sessions and social activities have been planned especially for young adults. Join other young adults to network and share experiences, successes, and challenges of life and ministry.

Creative Sharing. The *explosion* of the multiple talents of conference participants has challenged conference planners to provide ways to better facilitate “sharing” opportunities. Creative Sharing will be Friday, July 17. Parishes/dioceses are encouraged to combine and form joint presentations. For instance, mass choirs comprised of multiple parishes will have 9-minute presentation opportunities, while singular parish presentations will have 3-minute opportunities. Presentation guidelines will be available later.



Hotel Information. Unity Explosion will be held at the beautiful MCM Elegante Hotel and Conference Center in Beaumont within minutes of practically anything you need! The conference’s contracted discounted rate of \$99 plus taxes will be available through June 15. Reservations may be made through www.mcmelegantebeaumont.com or (877) 842-3606. Rooms reserved at the conference rate require a one-night deposit prior to June 15. Please notify the hotel of special needs. For more information about Beaumont, please visit www.beaumontcvb.com.

Program (Souvenir) Book. Advertisements for the program book must be submitted ready for press with a resolution of 300 dpi in one of the following formats: PDF, TIF, JPEG (*NO Word, Excel, or Pub, etc. files*). All advertisement submissions must be accompanied with payment before June 1. Submissions may be refused and a refund will be issued if the conference leadership feels the advertisement is inappropriate. The program book will be distributed to each participant and various organizations that support the work of the conference. Page layout dimensions are below:

Full Page	= 8" x 10.5"	\$125
Half Page (1/2)	= 8" x 5.125"	\$ 75
Fourth Page (1/4)	= 3.875" x 5.125"	\$ 50
Back Outside Cover	= 8" x 10.5"	\$300
Inside Cover	= 8" x 10.5"	\$250
Business Card	= 3.875" x 2.562"	\$ 25

Vendors and Exhibitors. The conference offers an excellent opportunity for exhibitors and vendors to network with conference participants through information tables, goods, and services. Those wishing to be exhibitors or vendors should contact info@unityexplosion-regionx.com for more information. Applications should be received by June 1.

Cancellation Refund Policy. Registration cancellations must be requested in writing. While conference registrations canceled before June 30 are refundable, they are subject to a \$50 administrative fee. Refunds will be issued after August 15. Registrants canceling after June 30 *will not receive a refund*. The refund and cancellation policy will not be waived.