

The Rev. Dr. Darryl Totty offers this information about transformative leaders and urges persons to explore their ideas further:

- **Cornell William Brooks** is an American lawyer and activist. He was chosen to be the president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 2014. Brooks previously served as president of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice and as executive director of the Fair Housing Council of Greater Washington. Brooks was formerly Senior Counsel with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
- **Rev. Dr. Cedrick D. Bridgeforth** is a pastor, author, educator, writer, consultant, and public speaker. Bridgeforth has pastored Bowen Memorial, Crenshaw, and Santa Ana United Methodist churches. He is a former District Superintendent in the California-Pacific Conference. Currently, Bridgeforth is the Principal/Founder of 20/20 Leadership Lessons and serves as Director of Academic Programs at the Ecumenical Center for Black Church Studies at the University of La Verne. For two years, Rev. Bridgeforth served as national chairman of Black Methodist Church Renewal (BMCR), the caucus that advocates for Black people's unique needs in The United Methodist Church.
- **Eddie S. Glaude Jr.** is an American academic. He is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University. He is also the Chair of the Center for African American Studies and the Department of African American Studies Chair. Glaude is the author of the 2020 book *Begin Again*, about James Baldwin and the history of American politics.
- **Michael Eric Dyson** is an academic, author, preacher, and radio host. Dyson is a clergyperson from Detroit, currently serving as Professor of Sociology at Georgetown University. Described by Michael A. Fletcher as "a Princeton Ph.D. and a child of the streets who takes pains never to separate the two," Dyson has authored or edited more than 20 books dealing with subjects such as Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr., Marvin Gaye, and Barack Obama.
- There are many respected women in the black community such as **Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling**, Baltimore-Washington Conference, United Methodist Church; **Michelle Alexander**, author of *The New Jim Crow* and the school-to-prison pipeline; and the **Rev Janet Gaston Petty**, senior pastor of Detroit Metropolitan United Methodist Church. I would look to them, as well.