



ISSACHAR CONFERENCE
By Stonecrest Church of Christ

MEET THE SPEAKERS

MIKKI TAYLOR

SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY

Mikki Taylor was baptized into Christ in 1984 at the Newark Church of Christ, under the direction of the late Dr. Eugene Lawton. Highlights of her current work in the Lord's Vineyard include the following:

- A featured speaker at "Ladies Day" programs and conferences across the country, advising sisters on "mastering their purpose with distinction" -- from inner and outer beauty and physical and spiritual wellness to interpersonal relationships, empowered living, and success in the workplace.
- Ladies Bible Class Teacher at the Newark Church. Taylor teaches a monthly class entitled "A Woman of Substance: Real Life, Real Talk, His Word" that offers success strategies, creates measurable spiritual strengths, and builds conquerors in modern-day times.
- Chairperson of The Ladies Planning Committee - a ministry that's designed to edify, inspire, and strengthen the sisters of the Newark congregation, create connection and save souls through impactful programming throughout the year.
- Co-Chair of The New Member Connect Ministry - a ministry dedicated to retaining, educating, and adapting new members of the Newark Church of Christ.



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Taylor is an advocate for inner and outer beauty for women of color. She came of age watching Black women as standard bearers in the community go largely unrecognized for their contributions to the nation, and be invisible to the beauty industry, and decided that this would no longer be true on her watch. She turned her passion in purpose and in 1980 began her tenure of change at ESSENCE Magazine. There she served as the Magazine's groundbreaking Beauty & Cover Director for over 30 years, depicting the stories of women of color. At ESSENCE Taylor casted and produced over 500 covers as well as its signature beauty pages to affirm and inspire the culture's definition of beauty. Her work gave birth to product lines, industry studies, the realization of diversity and inclusion in advertising and retail initiatives. In 2010 Taylor became Editor-at-Large for the publication contributing to various reader-driven platforms and stories about the magazine's history. Today Taylor is the President of Satin Doll Productions, Inc., a strategic branding, consulting, and communications company that empowers individuals to identify their purpose and grow opportunities and companies to move from brand awareness to brand engagement among Black women.



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Taylor has authored such critically acclaimed books as *Commander in Chic*, and *Editor-in-Chic* (Simon and Schuster) and her latest, *Force of Beauty: A Newark Family Memoir*, an Audible Original, co-authored with filmmaker Deborah Riley Draper.

An effective communicator, Taylor empowers multigenerational women from the main stages of the world, sharing insights and solutions about that which can impact their divine purpose and ultimately compromise their leadership.

As a Media Personality Taylor's keen insights concerning Black women is what makes her an industry MVP. She has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *NBC Today*, *The View*, and such networks as *OWN* and *BET*. She's currently featured in such ground-breaking docu-series as *Netflix's Black Beauty Effect*, *HBO Max' Time of ESSENCE* (which chronicles *ESSENCE Magazine's* rise to prominence), and the forthcoming *A & E Network's James Brown: Say it Loud*, executive produced by *Mick Jagger* and *Questlove*.