



Chynaah Maryoung-Cooke

AKA Street Prophet

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Chynaah Maryoung-Cooke (She/They) is a native New Yorker and mother of an incredible 25 year old airmen and New York City Firefighter, Stuart Forbes Jr. and God mother to Nanbal Walshak and Nico Cobb. She has been a performing artist and activist for over 30 years. Chynaah's brand of artistry features Afro-Caribbean spirituality with "edge". She is a minister, licensed by Bishop Yvette Flunder of City of Refuge, UCC Church in California and Bishop Elect Vanessa Brown of Rivers of Living Water, UCC New York, New Jersey. Chynaah has dedicated her life to marginalized groups, promoting healthy self-esteem and unity within local and global communities. Some of her work includes Session singer for legend Ms. Patti Labelle, The Drifters, Lisa Lisa, C&C Music Factory, The Weather Girls, Cissy Houston. Her stage credits include Comic Relief at the Heckscher Theatre, the role of Mamma in "Mamma I want to Sing", 10-year Italian Music review of Whoopie Goldberg's Sister Act, playing the role of the "funny nun." Her most memorable achievement was sharing the stage with legendary Stevie Wonder at the UN's first Peace Concert. Chynaah was also nominated for the YWCA'S Inaugural, "Black Artist Way Station " featuring Chynaah's one woman show that debuted at the Ware Center, Dec 2019 (AfroSpanic Synchronicity).

Chynaah received her Master of Divinity at Lancaster Theological Seminary and is a doctoral student at the Pacific School of Religion. Chynaah is the Library Associate For Circulation, Archives and Outreach at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Chynaah is also a DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion) trainer with the YWCA and the Racial Equity Institute. Chynaah is also the US Ambassador for Interconnected Justice, a Pan-African Organization, working to mobilize people of African descent globally. Chynaah's Doctoral work focuses on the African Philosophy of Ubuntu which states, "I am, therefore, we are. We are, therefore I am." Her doctoral topic is, "A Visionary Ubuntu Pedagogy: Developing Equal & Equitable access to Learning."

My passion as a chaplain, social justice activist and artist helps me to see the world in ways that celebrate the radical love of G-d.

A Visionary Ubuntu Pedagogy: Developing Equity in Education and Equal Access to Learning.

I believe through community and Love this world can thrive and be a better place.

I want to offer that as a prophetic voice in this world.

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