

EAST WARD

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

... Like A Bridge

Finding Methods . . . Providing Resources...bridging the gap to the other side of need

– A bridge is one of the world's most important structures because it is designed to bring things together – land, roads and people. As Christians and East Wardians, we are privileged to serve God in the Ministry of Social Studies via The Office of The Pastor, bridging the gap between the Church and The World.

THE OFFICE OF THE PASTOR

REVEREND SEAN P. GARDNER, SR., M.DIV., D.D., SENIOR PASTOR

SEEKING SOLUTIONS SUMMIT

Alarming numbers of persons have been shot or stabbed in the last couple of weeks. Summer is here and it appears that those numbers will rise if we don't take a stand and find solutions to this epidemic, plaguing our communities and families. Violence continues to be an on-going issue. Over the past 20 years, our communities have seen an increase in violence, especially among our youth.

In an effort to seek solutions and quell the violence, we will re-exam the issue of "Stop, Question and Frisk" which is a program recently eliminated by the NYPD. Questions like: *What are the real issues? What can we do to correct this situation? Who can we turn to? Who has the answers?* . . . will be addressed.

Community Advocates, Reverend Dr. Sean P. Gardner, Sr., and Clark Pena, are offering a platform at which legislators, law enforcement, clergy, community advocates and members, collaborate to seek and set forth solutions. It is time to think about the whole issue proactively; and, not reactively. Our communities are rapidly self-destructing; and, now is the time for us to come together in unity to address the issues and save lives.

On Friday, July 25, 2014, the East Ward Baptist Church, located at 2011 First Avenue, in the Village of East Harlem, will host an Anti-Violence Summit from 11:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. Dr. Gardner and Clark Pena, will set forth a plethora of panelists and discussion groups regarding violence and how we as a community can effectively address these issues. We wholeheartedly believe you are an integral link to this enigma and believe that you will bring optimistic approaches, resources and ultimately, contribute towards positive results. The Summit will be comprised of Panelists who will discuss a number of topics, including, but not limited to: **Youth and Gang Violence, Stop and Frisk, How to address the issues as a unified community, What can be announced at this Summit that will wake people up?**

Our community has a lot of work to do. By working together, we can and will make a difference. We look forward to having you be a part of this discussion on seeking solutions. We urge your attendance. To confirm your participation and/or attendance; or for more information, please contact Anna Elmore at (917) 224-3208; or, via email at: SEEKINGSOLUTIONS3@GMAIL.COM Once members of the panel and invited guests have confirmed their attendance, same will be provided to you.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated participation.