



# UNITY COMMISSION



“Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.”

Colossians 3:11 NIV

The purpose of Open Bible Churches Unity Commission is to lovingly encourage and assist Open Bible ministers and, by extension, churches to be sensitized to the continued reality of racial bias and discrimination. We desire to help them become aware of what they might not have otherwise recognized, to look within their own hearts for what they may not have seen, and to look for opportunities to build unity in the body of Christ that both honors and transcends racial and cultural differences.



**RANDALL A. BACH**  
Co-Leader

Randall Bach has served as president of Open Bible Churches since January 2012. Prior to that he served Open Bible as vice president, executive director of church ministries, executive director of communication,

executive director of East Region, and Bible college president. His undergraduate degree is from the University of Northern Iowa and his graduate degree is from Regent University. In August of 2021 Randall and his wife, Barbara, celebrated 50 years of marriage. They view ministry as their adventure together.



**KWABEA K. FRANCIS**  
Co-Leader

Kwabea Francis has served in ministry for the past 20 years. She is a member of the Gator Nation, having earned two degrees from the University of Florida. She earned her Master of Divinity in 2010 from Asbury Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida.

She has served in various ministry roles, such as children's pastor, youth minister, family pastor, and chaplain. An ordained minister with Open Bible Churches, Kwabea currently serves as the Director of Operations in the south region for Marketplace Chaplains. In addition, she attends and serves at Living Word Open Bible Church in Cooper City, Florida. The roles Kwabea is most proud of are that of wife to her husband of nine years, Garfield, and mother to her three sons, Nate, age 16, Josh, age 13, and Mike, age 11. Ultimately Kwabea's desire is to please God in and through all she does and says.



## VICTORIA BATES

Victoria Bates was born in Baja California, Mexico. Her parents migrated to the United States when she was two years old to serve as missionaries to the unreached Hispanic immigrant population in Southern Illinois. Victoria has always been passionate about serving people, worshiping Jesus, and helping others to know Him better. She studied vocal performance at the International House of Prayer University in Kansas City, Missouri. She and her husband, Andrew Bates, have been serving in ministry for 11 years and are currently pastoring West Des Moines Open Bible Church in West Des Moines, Iowa. The Bates have three beautiful children, Emica, Aria, and Asher, and a pet named Dragon. She is currently on track to finish INSTE Level One.



## FRANK COLLINS JR.

Frank Collins, Jr. is the lead pastor of Breath of Life Christian Church, an Open Bible church in Harper Woods, Michigan. He was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. Frank came to Christ through Little League Baseball in 1969. He has been happily married to Renita (Ellis) Collins since October 10, 1998. The Collins have five beautiful children: Andrew, Kimberly (deceased), David, Frank III, and Raina. Pastor Collins has been credentialed with Open Bible since 2009. Before his retirement from Detroit Public Schools, Frank worked as a skilled trades teacher and a journeyman plumber. A certified human behavior counselor, Frank and Renita offer spiritual pre-marital counseling to members and non-members of their church. Frank holds a B.A. in Biblical Science from Rochester University in Rochester Hills, Michigan, and is a current graduate student pursuing a Master of Divinity Degree from Moody Theological Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan. It is Frank's heart's desire to help others become growing disciples for Christ so they can go and enlarge his Kingdom on earth and subsequently take their place in heaven!



## TIMOTHY GUILLEN

Timothy (Timateo) Guillen was born in the Dominican Republic and immigrated to the U.S. at the age of 18. He began and has continued working independently since age 24 and is a building maintenance manager today. Timothy states that, "Although I was born into a Christian family and married a pastor's daughter it took me to the age of 44 to become a true servant of the Lord." Beginning over ten years Timothy has been quite devoted to ministry, first as a deacon and men's leader, and now serves as co-pastor of the Spanish speaking branch of Shepherd's House Open Bible Church, in Queens, New York. Timothy is a credentialed Open Bible minister. He and his wife, Jacqueline, also a credentialed Open Bible minister, have three daughters, one son, and a "lovely granddaughter."



## CANDI HAGAN

Candi Hagan grew up in Stockton, California and is a graduate of INSTE which she completed during her four years in Spokane's Masters Commission program. Candi is a seasoned pastor's wife and creative educator. Her heart for the Lord, His Word, and His people has led her all over the country serving the Body of Christ for over 20 years. Currently, she happily serves the Southeast Region of Open Bible Churches with her husband, Nathan, Executive Regional Director. The Hagans have been married for nineteen years and have three very active teenage children.



## GARY WYATT

Gary Wyatt has been the lead pastor of SureHouse Open Bible Church, an urban ministry in the inner city of Tacoma, Washington, for over 25 years. Pastor Wyatt has been credentialed with Open Bible since 2000 and is the Northwest District Director and member of the Pacific Region board of Directors. He is the author of *The Art of Blending*, a book about mixing cultures in a biased society. The Art of Blending is a book intended for racial reconciliation within the body of Christ.