

Banquet Keynote Session—Saturday, November 19, 2016—6:45pm-9:15pm (1.0 CEU)

Major Kendall Mathews

“Let’s pull some weeds – TIME TO MEET YOUR INNER GARDNER” John 15: 1-10

Abstract: With all the critical issues domestically and abroad relative to spiritual formation, it’s time to turn the soil of our souls and produce an abundant harvest by spiritually extracting them from our lives. As we offer sacrificial service to the needy of our social work areas of concern, we Servant-Leaders must allow the true Heavenly Gardner to put the unproductive stuff from our lives. Pride, self-centeredness, and negative thinking are just some of those weeds that must be pulled from our lives, so we providers can aid others in meeting the Spiritual Gardner who has prepared a basket of the Fruit for our salvation and souls.

Learning Objectives (3): *As a result of this presentation participants will be able to:*

- Identify and describe 2-3 fruits of the Spirit that are active their work and lives.
- Articulate how the “weeds” and “crab grass” in their lives potentially choke the activity of God’s Spirit in their lives and work.
- Name and describe 2-3 spiritual tools that help social workers live healthier lives, and so equip them to be more effective social workers

Primary Audience: Social workers and related professionals; social work students; human services professionals; clergy

Content Level: Basic/Intermediate

Number of Continuing Education Contact Hours: 1.0

Bio Information: Major K. Kendall Mathews holds a BSW from Greenville College, Masters in Theology and Doctorate in Counseling Psychology from Andersonville Theological Seminary. He served in The Salvation Army as a corps officer in the inner city of Detroit for five years and at the Pontiac Corps of North Oakland County from 1991 to 2001. During these assignments, he ministered to the holistic needs of people from poverty-stricken backgrounds of different ethnic roots. From 2001-2008 he was the Detroit City Commander and Metro Detroit Area Coordinator, responsible for 13 Corps Community Centers located throughout Metro Detroit as well as the inner-city. Before leaving Michigan, he was honored as one of the top 50 African American men in the Southeastern Michigan Region for his leadership and effective interpersonal skills with many different cultures.

In June 2008, Major Mathews was appointed to Mid-Missouri as the Columbia/Jefferson City Regional Coordinator where he has made a great impact on the overall community through cross-cultural ministries with local agencies and people in general. He was the officer-in-charge for the Salvation Army's seven units and leads a multi-cultural staff on 55 professional individuals throughout Mid-Missouri.

Major Kendall is currently the Administrator at the Saint Louis Adult Rehabilitation Center providing the leadership needed to not only run the business side but also the recovery side.

Major Mathews has written several articles for the Officer Magazine and The War Cry of The Salvation Army and is known for his passionate spirit for the lost. He and wife, Major Katrina Mathews have five children, and they care for people with a servant attitude. Prayer is at the center of their ministry.