

News Release

Activist and pastor William Barber II to speak at BYU Forum

PROVO, Utah. (Oct. 13, 2021)—Renowned activist and pastor William Barber II will be speaking about bridging the gap between different faiths and seeking ways to council together in unity at a BYU Forum on Nov. 30, 2021. The forum address is open to the public and will be held in the Marriott Center at 11:05 a.m.

Barber has been an influential leader and speaker for decades. For 11 years he served as president of the NAACP’s North Carolina state chapter, the largest in the South and the second largest in the country. Barber spoke at the Democratic National Convention in 2016 and started his non-profit, Repairers of the Breach, in an effort to eliminate gaps of understanding between faiths.

“Nothing can change until we see the reason to change,” Barber said. “The students of BYU are ready to listen and go out and serve.”

Barber earned a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University and was awarded the National NAACP Kelly M. Alexander Humanitarian Award in 2010. Additionally, Barber is the author of multiple published works, including the self-published “Preaching Through Unexpected Pain.”

A broadcast of the address will be live on BYUtv, Classical 89 FM and BYU Radio.

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