

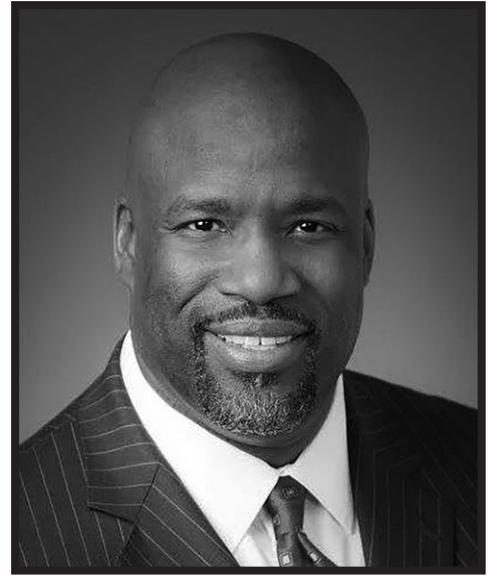
## Collaborative Effort Award

*Award criteria:*

*Nominees, which may be any combination of individuals, communities, businesses, or other organizations, must collectively have made significant contributions toward building a sense of unity among Ohio citizens. Nominees must have used Dr. King's vision of nonviolent social change to successfully bring people from diverse backgrounds together to build a better community and advance equity.*



**Dr. Malcom Davis**  
**Central College**  
**Presbyterian Church**  
Westerville



**Dr. Victor M. Davis**  
**Trinity Baptist Church**  
Columbus

Central College Presbyterian Church, located in the Columbus suburb of Westerville, is a predominately white congregation founded in 1843, and Trinity Baptist Church, founded in 1924, is a predominantly African-American congregation located in an urban area of Columbus.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and a period of racial unrest in the country and in Columbus, the two congregations partnered to provide ministry to the community, reflecting the cultural awareness of Dr. King's philosophy of the Beloved Community, according to the churches' nominator.

Under the leadership of Dr. Victor M. Davis, pastor of Trinity Baptist, and Dr. Malcom Davis, pastor of Central College, and with the support of ministry staff, leadership, and volunteers, the churches provided food, household items, and school supplies to those in need for more than a year.

A financial grant from Central College allowed Trinity to deliver enrichment, cultural activities, and educational support for youth in Columbus City Schools. The program was supported with volunteers from students enrolled at The Ohio State University and members of the two congregations. The two churches also held simultaneous Bible studies that addressed racial tension and inclusion and concluded with the two pastors exchanging pulpits and preaching.

"The Beloved Community is a global vision, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth," said the churches' nominators. "In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger, homelessness, bigotry, and racism will not be tolerated because the international standard of human decency will not allow it."