



## **“A MESLD SPECIAL EVENT: MESLD CELEBRATES BLACK MARRIAGE DAY”**

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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

**BALTIMORE, MD (March 24<sup>th</sup>)** – **Marriage Education Servant-Leadership Development, (MESLD)** has joined forces with Northwood Appold United Methodist Church, St. Matthews United Methodist Church, St. Matthews Catholic Church and Sharon Baptist Church in an effort to attract more married couples to take part in the **MESLD** program.

**MESLD**, Wedded Bliss Foundation Inc. and church partners invite you to join them in a celebration of wedded bliss and healthy love as they celebrate the 6th annual Black Marriage Day, Sunday, March 30, 2008!

**MESLD** will join activists in more than 200 cities around the country to highlight the benefits of married life and offer celebrations to strengthen and promote marriage in Baltimore’s African-American community.

This is just one of many activities hosted by **MESLD**, a non-profit organization committed to making marriage education commonly available to the community of Baltimore.

**MESLD** works with couples on providing them with the skills they need to strengthen and enhance their marriage. Couples participate in a variety of free, exciting, hands-on “Learning Sessions” geared to educate and promote healthy relationships and marriages in families and communities worldwide.

Guest Speakers, vendors, music, food & free on-site licensed childcare are all a part of the **MESLD** learning sessions and materials and literature are handed out, for couples to keep, as a way to encourage and promote continued learning outside of the program.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ms. Veris Lee, at 410.323.4660 or 410.323.6712 or visit the MESLD website at: [www.mesld.org](http://www.mesld.org)

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The Marriage Education & Servant-Leadership Development Program (MESLD) is a non-profit organization committed to teaching the practical skills that will not only strengthen and build a successful and healthy marriage but also help develop the skills you need to sustain one! The Rev. Cecil Conteen Gray, Ph.D., Pastor, renowned teacher-speaker, author, and scholar, is the Program Director for the MESLD Program. “Healthy marriages are created when two people continually work on their individual growth and continually support and complement each other’s growth. And every time we see a couple cultivate and maintain a healthy marriage, we see two people who are strong enough and healthy enough to offer constructive service-and-leadership to their families and the larger community,” says Dr. Gray.

If you’d like more information on up coming marriage sessions or if you’d like to schedule an interview with Dr. Gray, please contact Ms. Veris Lee, at 410.323.4660 or 410.323.6712 or visit the MESLD website at: **[www.mesld.org](http://www.mesld.org)**.