



## **2018 Community Leader Interfaith Award**



**Rev. George Nicholas**

George is the passionate Senior Pastor at Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church, where he provides leadership for the revitalization of this 94-year-old historically Black congregation in the heart of Buffalo. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University, UB, and the Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Led by his faith, George strives to build community, work towards equity, and embrace diversity.

George has been recognized by his church's governing body for his work in urban ministries, and he lives his calling as an advocate for social justice and community revitalization for all. He is a founding member of the Concerned Clergy Coalition of WNY, where he works with other faith leaders to advocate for social justice and for the poor. Through this coalition he has worked to bring the NYS Labor Strikeforce to the area, which has connected over 5000 residents to employment opportunities and led to the redevelopment of the Northland Ave. corridor. George is working on building collaborative partnerships with UB and ECMC. He is a valued member of the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable, serving on the Black Men and Boys of Color and the African-American Health Disparities taskforces, as well as a Board member of both the P2 Collaborative and Oracle Charter School.

For his commitment to social justice and for working across traditional racial and religious divides, the NFJC is proud to recognize Rev. George Nicholas with the 2018 Community Leader Interfaith Award.



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