

ONLEILOVE ALSTON

Minister Onleilove (pronounced Onlylove) Chika Alston, M.Div., MSW is a minister, veteran faith rooted organizer and writer. Currently she is the Founder of Her Wisdom Consulting which focuses on diversity, equity and gender justice as well as the Lead Organizer for Urban Youth Alliance-BronxConnect where she is developing a advocacy and organizing department.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in Human Development with a minor in African-American studies from Penn State University, she completed a year of service with AmeriCorps Public Allies New York. In 2011, she received her Master of Divinity and Master of Social Work degrees from Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University School of Social Work, respectively. Her writing has been featured in Sojourners magazine, Huff Post Religion, The Black Commentator, and NPR's On Being blog, as well as in other print and online publications. She has been a featured speaker and workshop facilitator at CCDA, Dartmouth College, Why Christian, Sojourners' Summit, The 2015 African Hebrew Conference in Israel, and The Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference among other conferences, congregations, and organizations. For her writing and activism work,

Onleilove has received the Public Allies New York Local Alumni Award, The Lost Angels Society Survivor Award, The Bennett Fellowship for Social Justice from Auburn Seminary, the National Association of Social Workers-NYC Scholarship for Social Justice and the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union Minority Coalition Young Adult Award. She is one of a few African-Americans that have visited and ministered among Jews in West Africa and her first book on her research into these communities is Prophetic Whirlwind: Uncovering the Black Biblical Destiny. With a deep love for Africa and her diaspora Onleilove serves as the Faith-Based Coordinator for The Global African Business Association.

Onleilove lives in Harlem, has five siblings and a large extended family. She worships and serves as a Minister of Evangelism at Beth-El The House of Yahweh where she serves as a Minister of Evangelism.

