Media Advisory
From Reverend Ira J. Acree

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
August 6, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Reverend Ira J. Acree
773-378-3300

Greater St. John Bible Church
Honors State Rep. Ford

CHICAGO – To recognize State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago), Rev. Ira J. Acree announces a celebration to honor Rep. Ford on Sunday, August 10 at 10:30 a.m. at Greater St. John Bible Church, Chicago. “It is very important for the people of Austin to show our continued support for Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, because he has modeled what real and courageous leadership is all about,” said Acree, co-chair of the L.E.A.D.E.R.’s Network (Leaders for Empowerment, Advocacy, and Disaster Relief Network) and host of the CAN-TV show, “All Hands on Deck”. “There is a void of positive male leadership, but Rep. Ford has been a reliable voice of the people. His exemplary work ethic is admirable, as is the example of how he has conducted himself throughout his recent legal ordeal,” said Acree.

“What has happened to La Shawn Ford is a contemporary example of Genesis 50:20,” said Acree. “This verse teaches us, ‘You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.’”

“Rep. La Shawn Ford has been a great example of grace under pressure,” said Rev. Dr. Marshall E. Hatch, Sr., Pastor of New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church and a co-convener of the L.E.A.D.E.R.S Network. “The outcome of his legal case is great news for a community with so many challenges and too few leaders.”

“I am humbled that the L.E.A.D.E.R’s Network and Greater St. John Bible Church will provide me with an opportunity to come to be blessed by prayers and good fellowship,” said Rep. Ford. “I look forward to this opportunity to help strengthen me in the goodness of the Lord.”

What: Honoring State Representative La Shawn K. Ford
When: Sunday, August 10, 2014
10:30 a.m.
Where: Greater St. John Bible Church
1256 N. Waller St.
Chicago, IL 60651

###