

# Reaching the Nation

## *the* **COMPELLING CHALLENGE**

The current American political climate has the potential to drive a wedge between conservative ideas and the people of color for several generations.

Unfortunately, the American heritage of hard work and perseverance exemplified by figures such as Frederick Douglass and countless other African Americans is being ignored in the media and erased in many textbooks. Persuading growing numbers of minorities to rethink their political and economic ideas and loyalties requires a long-term willingness to build relationships and work with people where they are.

## *the* MISSION

We exist to educate, equip and empower faith-based leaders to embrace and apply biblical principles to life and in the marketplace.

## STRATEGIC PILLARS



### **EDUCATING**

Teaching biblical values and principles of civic engagement that enable citizens to influence government and public policy.



### **EQUIPPING**

Producing and distributing culturally relevant resources that direct leaders toward community engagement.



### **EMPOWERING**

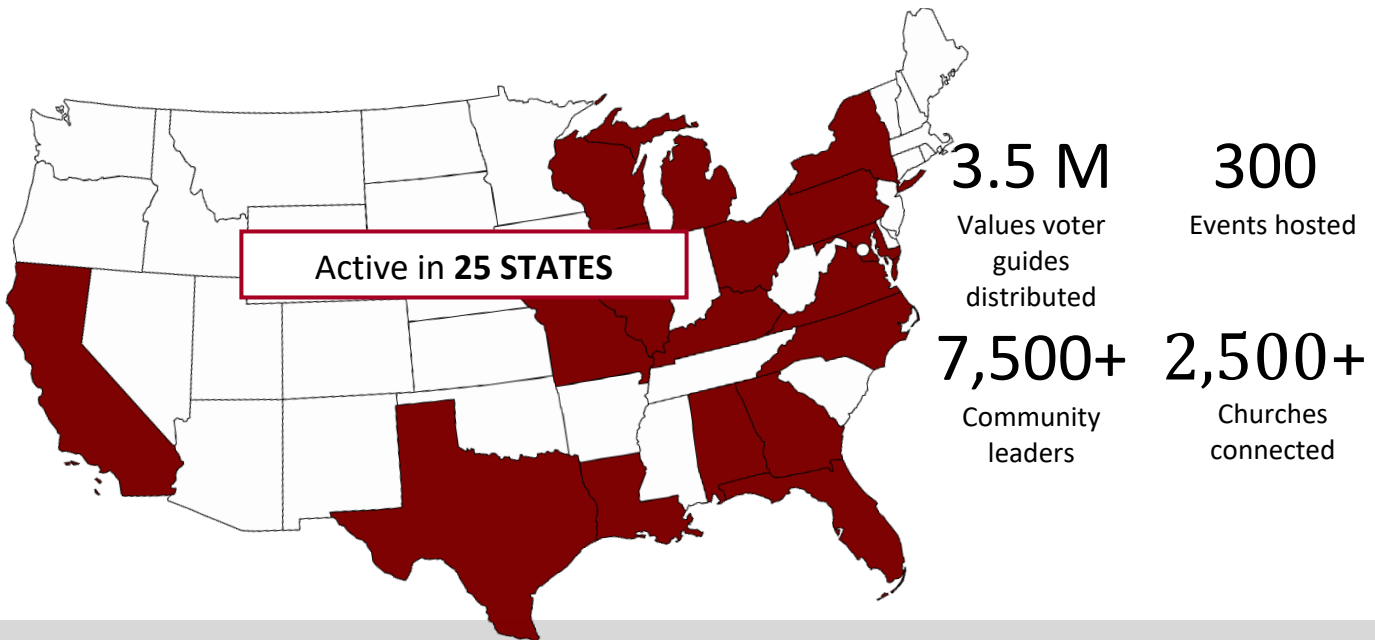
Connecting black faith based leaders and providing opportunities to influence the marketplace.

# Positioned for Impact

I have one great political idea... It is in substance, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). This constitutes my politics... the negative and positive of my politics, and the whole of my politics." - Frederick Douglass

*Douglass*  
**LEADERSHIP  
INSTITUTE**  
Righteousness. Justice. Liberty. Virtue.

DLI is working to create a nation of prosperous, flourishing communities transformed by men and women who embrace a biblical worldview of cultural and civic engagement.



## SEIZING THE OPPORTUNITY

The DLI training events are designed to provide grassroots training and engage leadership in urban communities around these key issues. At these events, we humbly present an alternative vision for minority advancement and thriving that affirms the dignity and capability of every human being.

Reaching the Nation: Events focused on Strengthening the Black Family, Supporting Criminal Justice Reform, Securing Economic and Educational Opportunity. –  
Citizenship Academy: Teaches about the Legacy of Frederick Douglass, The Role of Civil Government, Keys to Running for Office.

## LEADERSHIP

Bishop Dean Nelson is an executive leader with over 25 years of experience in ministry and non-profit work and over 15 years in political activism at the local, state and national levels. He developed multiple leadership training opportunities for African Americans and other minorities.

During his career, Dean has partnered with the following organizations: Family Research Council, Human Coalition, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Center for Urban Renewal and Education, Church of God in Christ, National Black Robe Regiment, African American Fellowship SBC, Alliance Defending Freedom, Heritage Foundation, Acton Institute.