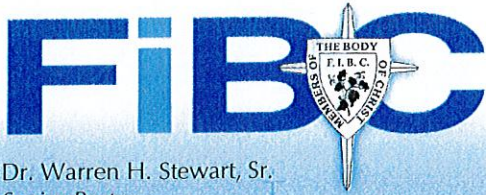


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*Becoming a Discipling Fellowship
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Dear Dr. Thiam:

Greetings in the name of my loving and liberating Lord Jesus Christ.

God be praised for Bishop David C. Cooper, Southwest Regional Bishop, Full Gospel Church Fellowship International introducing you to me earlier this year.

On behalf of the First Institutional Baptist Church, my wife, Dr. Karen E. Stewart, and myself, thank you for presenting *“The Jazz, Culture & Social Justice Project”* at FIBC, Sunday, August 8, 2021, 1:00 p.m. Your presentation about *“How West African Culture Defined American Music Through the Blues”*, followed by the musical performance of The Pascal Bokar Afro Blue Grazz Band was edifying and inspiring to all who attended. It is my prayer that you will be able to share this amazing experience with people across our nation so that they will be enriched by what you offer through words and music relative the enlightening musical heritage of Africans living in the United States of America.

Thank you for the special gifts that you provided for my wife and me during your visit with us.

Keep the faith and be encouraged!

Growing in Grace,

Warren H. Stewart, Sr.