

PRESS RELEASE – THE GATHERING At GETHSEMANE

NEW BOOK USHERS IN FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN PRESIDENT WITH MIX OF RELIGION, CULTURE AND POLITICS

Newly released book from GodTalkNow.com founder pulls together scholastic ministers, men and women to discuss communal, national and sexual issues.

The Gathering at Gethsemane is the long anticipated publication from GodTalkNow.com founder and author Edward Mulraine.

The Gathering at Gethsemane brings together eleven scholastic ministers, men and women for a conference to discuss both communal and national issues. These clergy articulate the struggles of the Black community, the politics of the nation and the sorrows of the weak. Their spirited discussions address sensitive issues including; the death penalty, reparations, the Iraq War, gay marriage and abortion.

The ministers speak with criticism and are occasionally cynical of our nation and of the African American community but ultimately of hope for the condition. *The Gathering At Gethsemane* references the civil rights movement and the confrontational political issues that President Elect Obama will have to contend with today to heal all Americans.

Although the story is creative, many of the issues that arise in *The Gathering at Gethsemane* are based on facts. “*I felt the need to speak out about these issues. The book reads like a research paper, sounds like a sermon and has the feeling of a dramatic stage play with unexpected revelations of mentally and spiritually conflicting confessions,*” says Mulraine.

The conference at *The Gathering at Gethsemane* intensifies when the attendees move from intellectualism to startling confessions. “Gethsemane” is the place where Jesus’ body clashed with his divinity. Jesus pronounced at the Garden of Gethsemane “*The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.*” The ministers breakdown and reveal their struggles with the flesh and what is admitted will make one have more pity than piety for those in the ministry. A quote from the book reads, “*It is ironic how God can bless you and curse you all at the same time.*” This novel shows how spiritual struggles can lead to deviant behavior and multiple personalities. “*I hope the story’s unexpected ending gives the reader a sense of relief and gratefulness,*” says Mulraine.

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MEDIA TEN QUESTIONS – REGARDING *THE GATHERING AT GETHSEMANE*

- 1) Before we begin let's talk about the cover of your book, which is a beautiful artistic work – is it an original piece?
- 2) Tell us about your title – *The Gathering At Gethsemane*? What is Gethsemane?
- 3) The book gives us a different side of ministers, one we don't often see. As the title suggests a lot of ministers are struggling with something. Tell us about some of the struggles of your characters?
- 4) Do you believe ministers actually struggle with the flesh as you describe through this book - or is this fictitious exaggeration?
- 5) You talk a lot about politics and the ministers seem to take a strong biblical stand on these issues. Although this book is a novel these are real issues. Why did you find it necessary to address these controversial issues?
- 6) The War in Iraq is still going on and it will be one of the greatest challenges of the new president. Do you think he should look at what you prescribe in this book? As well as for the death penalty and abortion and gay marriage?
- 7) What made you write this book? It seems like a lot of research went into it – the quotes from Shakespeare, Henry David Thoreau, Frederick Douglas and many other prominent and historical figures. Was it a research paper before a novel?
- 8) Why not write the book as a non fiction work addressing the cultural and political issues. Why did you decide to make it a work of fiction?
- 9) What has been the response from ministers regarding this book? Are they in agreement? Do they find it blasphemous. Do they disagree with you exposing what could possibly be their struggles and people seeing them in a different light – one of sympathy rather than one of power?
- 10) How can people get a copy of this book?