

## What Was Then, Is It Now? Two-Part Workshop

This diversity program will encourage stimulating and powerful dialog concerning some of America's biggest challenges of racism and prejudice. How did we get there? Why are we still there? Or are we? Using the characterization of Mr. Frederick Douglass and how he rose to prominence in a time when it was almost impossible for someone of color to do so, this workshop provides strategies for seeking change. As part of the global community, it is necessary for us to continually move forward and embrace change. We cannot return to the past, where minds were closed and viewpoints were limited. As a progressive society, it's time to evolve our concept and attitude about diversity. This is a necessity to help ourselves and our great nation.

This is a two-part workshop series. The first part is a reenactment of Mr. Frederick Douglass by LeCount R. Holmes, Jr. He will take you on a historical and educational journey while telling the story of one of America's greatest orators, authors and civil rights activist, Frederick Douglass, as he travels from slavery to freedom. Following the re-enactment, Mr. Holmes, as Frederick Douglass, will interact with the audience in a stimulating question and answer dialog.

The second part is a half-day session as Mr. Holmes returns to conduct a powerful, thought-provoking interactive workshop that includes dialog and role play to drive home the points presented in part one. Mr. Holmes will employ the philosophy of Mr. Douglass as it relates to your organizational culture to demonstrate various ways of appreciating and embracing difference and diversity.

### **Participants can expect to gain:**

- Having been stimulated, energized and open to change
- More knowledge about issues of diversity of all kinds
- The desire to make personal life changes
- Increased understanding that change is inevitable
- The ability to step out of their comfort zone
- The experience of operating outside of the box.

### ***Here's what people said about LeCount Holmes's two-part workshop:***

Powerful, motivating, thought-provoking, informative. *Dan Mills, PA*

Mr. Holmes's presentation was truly remarkable. Every person all over the world should witness this performance. This performance educates people on the Black experience in American History. *Workshop participant, Harrisburg, PA*

It was a WOW response! I loved it! He couldn't have done anything that would have made it better. *L. Govan, Harrisburg, PA*

Wonderful voice, outstanding vocabulary. *Lynne Lavery, PA*

Your thoughtful manner and ability to field questions is exceptional. *Angie Huso, Parkton, MD*