

**The Interchurch Center Hosts a
Women's History Month Celebration
March 6, 2014**



In photo, from left to right, are: Rev. Marva D. Usher-Kerr, Prophetess Dr. Wanda D. Lang, Rev. Pamela Ward, and Rev.(Dr.) Valerie Oliver-Durrah.

Paula Mayo, CEO of The Interchurch Center, hosted and moderated a panel of Black Clergywomen who participated in Rev. Durrah's demonstration project about how three Black Clergywomen transformed their communities in the Bronx.

Rev. Dionne Boissière opened the program with an interactive invocation, thanking God for the great things He has done.

Rev. (Dr.) Valerie Oliver-Durrah discussed the details of her doctoral dissertation, describing how she used the Community Development Model of the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic (NTAC) to assist three Black Clergywomen to transform neighborhoods in the Bronx --- Castle Hill, Morrisania, and Mott Haven. Rev. Durrah stated, "***Within the methodology of social salvation as transformation, the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit and the evidence of the Spirit's gifts and fruit is an essential asset for capacity-building.***"

Rev. Pamela Ward closed the program by providing Words of Reflection about the Women's History Program. In addition to saluting Rev. Durrah for her many years of service to the faith-based and nonprofit communities, she presented many encouraging points; but, the one that resonated most for the women was "***It's better to be going through something than to be stuck.***"

Among the many guests who attended the program were Rev. Sharon Williams, Senior Pastor, Baptist Church of the Redeemer; New York Theological Seminary's (NYTS) Rev. Dr. Wanda M. Lundy, Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program; and Rev. Dr. Nancy Fields, Director of the Supervised Ministry Program.