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SUMTER NATIVE PASTOR TREVOR A. COOPER BRINGS SABCON 2026 HOME, INTRODUCES SONS OF SUMTER

Two-day conference featuring Ann Nesby will unite community empowerment, music, worship and youth-focused dialogue Dec. 4-5

SUMTER, S.C. (Oct. 14, 2026) - Sumter native Pastor **Trevor A. Cooper** will bring the second annual **Sabbath Conference**, known as **SabCon**, home **Dec. 4-5** at **Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 325 W. Fulton St., Sumter, SC 29150**. During the conference, **Amasha Hope** will publicly introduce **Sons of Sumter**, a proposed four-year mentorship, leadership, and pathway-development initiative for local young men.

Cooper is a 2002 graduate of Sumter High School and the son of retired and former Sumter Police Department officers Richard and Joan D. Hampton. He now serves as lead pastor of Impact Fellowship Church in Richmond, California.

Presented by Impact Fellowship Church in partnership with Amasha Hope, SabCon 2026 will bring together residents, returning Sumter natives, artists, educators, faith leaders, families, and community stakeholders. Amasha Hope will present the conference's nonreligious Community Empowerment programming, while Impact Fellowship Church will separately present its Praise and Worship programming.

The conference will feature two-time **GRAMMY Award winner**, six-time nominee, singer, songwriter, and actress **Ann Nesby**, former lead vocalist for Sounds of Blackness. Her screen credits include *The Fighting Temptations*, *Queen Sugar*, *Atlanta*, *The Ms. Pat Show*, and Tyler Perry's upcoming Netflix holiday film *The Gospel of Christmas*.

Friday's program will include **From Talent to Enterprise**, a 5:30 p.m. fireside conversation with Nesby about creativity, resilience and career longevity across music, theater, film and television. Award-winning filmmaker and **NAACP Image Award nominee Justin O. Cooper** will moderate. A Music and Arts Showcase will follow at 7 p.m., closing with a performance by Nesby.

Saturday will feature a Music Workshop and Clinic led by **Dr. Herbert Johnson**, a Sumter High School choral educator; a Community Empowerment and Listening Session; and the public introduction of Sons of Sumter.

Sons of Sumter is being developed to support young men through 11th and 12th grades and for two years after graduation. Its proposed pathways include workforce development, skilled trades, military service, entrepreneurship, and postsecondary education. The December presentation marks the initiative's community-introduction and development phase, not the launch of an operating mentoring program. Amasha Hope plans to begin with a Founding Sons Advisory Council of 10 to 15 current 10th-grade students, subject to parental consent and appropriate youth safeguards.

"SabCon is more than a homecoming. It is an invitation to reconnect, rest, and reinvest in the community that helped shape me," Cooper said. "I hope this gathering honors where we come from while helping create new pathways for Sumter's next generation."

The conference will conclude Saturday at 7 p.m. with a free **One-Night Citywide Revival** featuring **Bishop T.L. Penny of Shabach World Cathedral**. Separate registration is required.

Early-bird passes are available through November 3 or while the allotted inventory remains. Paid registrations support the development of Sons of Sumter. Register through Eventbrite or visit impactfellowshipchurch.org/sabcon2026. For conference information, text SABBATH to 510-621-5999.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Amasha Hope is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that creates pathways toward greater stability and economic opportunity through education, employment readiness, nutrition, and community partnerships. **Impact Fellowship Church** is a Bay Area non-denominational Christian church led by Pastor Trevor A. Cooper.

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