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The Rev. Donna Cox will deliver the keynote address at the University of Dayton's ninth annual Annie T. Thornton Women's Leadership Conference. The theme for this year's conference is "Women, Community, Action and Leadership."

The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27, in the University of Dayton's Kennedy Union.

Cox is a professor of music at the University of Dayton, where she directs the Ebony Heritage Singers, the University's gospel choir. Cox was ordained by the American Baptist Churches USA and is a member of Omega Baptist Church in Dayton where she and her husband have led the Marriage Builders Ministry for more than 10 years.

Cox's ministry focuses on couples, women and college-age students; she is the author of the book *Angels Encamped About Me: Provision In the Wilderness*.

The Annie T. Thornton Women's Leadership Conference is an annual one-day event that brings together an intergenerational group of women to network and discuss the personal and professional challenges facing women today. The conference seeks to empower women by providing them with resources and skills that will prepare them to be leaders in the 21st century. Workshop sessions will discuss finances, relationships, healthy living, gender issues, networking and careers.

The conference also includes programming targeted to undergraduate students interested in developing their leadership skills.

Registration is \$20 for the public and \$10 for students. Online registration is available through the related link. Participants are encouraged to register by March 19, but registrations will be accepted the day of the event. The first 50 paid registrants will be invited to a pre-conference reception with Cox and will receive a free copy of her book, *Angels Encamped About Me: Provisions in the Wilderness*.

The conference was named for Thornton to recognize her 44 years of leadership and dedication at the University of Dayton. While serving in various positions in dining services, housing and as the associate director of Kennedy Union, Thornton mentored hundreds of students, changing lives and empowering women.

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