



ABOUT CECE JONES-DAVIS

Cece Jones-Davis works at the intersections of faith, art and social justice as an award-winning faith leader, facilitator, public speaker and impact strategist to point people to the All-Powerful and the least powerful.

For the past 20 years, Cece has partnered with national organizations and brands such as Levi's and Tampax, organized and led dynamic grassroots movements and used her voice to address a range of social issues. Her activism ranges from fighting to abolish the death penalty to advocating for menstrual equity—work that she does both on the ground to create immediate impact and in high-level rooms to drive policy changes, awareness and education. She served in the historic Obama Administration under Ambassador Ron Kirk, the first African American U.S. Trade Representative, with a particular interest in global fair trade practices for indigenous communities. She is known most recently for her work in creating the #JusticeforJulius campaign that saved Julius Jones in Oklahoma just hours before his scheduled execution in 2021.

Born and raised in Halifax County, VA—the home of the legendary Henrietta Lacks and the once-largest slaveholding county in the state—Cece's life experiences have given her a unique perspective in the work she does everyday to combat racism and advocate for people living on the margins of society. Her impact has been recognized and celebrated throughout the United States where she has received the following awards: Phil Wahl Abolitionist of the Year Award (2019); Change.org Top 10 Changemaker of the Year (2021); Oklahoma ACLU Angie Debo Civil Libertarian of the Year (2021); Innocence Project Freedom and Justice Award (2022); The Samuel Dewitt Proctor's Ella Jo Baker Human Rights Award, among others. She has also received a special Congressional recognition for her efforts in civil rights and social justice and was most recently selected as a changemaker for the Obama Foundation's inaugural Leaders USA cohort.

When Cece's not advocating or speaking, she's creating worship music. As a professional vocalist, she has performed across the country and is featured on Stephen Hurd's "The Overflow" and "Times of Refreshing" as well as Grace Covenant Worship albums. Her latest album, *Alive*, is available on all digital platforms.

Cece is an ordained minister in the Disciples of Christ denomination and a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She is also a wife and mother of two children whom she is raising in Washington, D.C.