

Mw. Stanley "Olatunji" Cotton is an historian and community activist who has touched hundreds of lives in the city. A background and a master's degree in social work, Mw. Olatunji embodies service to the Black community. Currently he is Program Director of The Male Action Coalition (MAC), a faith based community collaboration in Atlanta dedicated to the constructive development of African American males. He also is instrumental in facilitating the Male Action Coalition's Manhood Development Project (MDP), a training and socialization process for African American men and youth.

Mw. Olatunji is a noted Master Teacher. For several years he has conducted an African History class at the Shrine of the Black Madonna, single handedly ensuring that our community knows its phenomenal gifts to the world. The African History class provides an ongoing exposure to the contributions, achievements and challenges that African / African-Americans have made throughout history. The class is free and open to the public every Saturday 1:30pm until 3:30pm.

He also is a founder of the West End African Unity and Cultural Festival, now entering its seventh year. The festival brings together community groups, local talent, vendors, health professionals, community farmers, family, and friends for a day of culture, education, fun, and fellowship.

Kwanzaa in Atlanta would not be the same without our good brother! Mw. Olatunji collaborates with community groups, entertainers, educators, and griots to host Kwanzaa festivities and to promote the principles year round. Several hundred community members participate in Kwanzaa celebrations at the Shrine thanks, in great part, to Mw. Olatunji's outreach.

Mw. Olatunji's commitment to community has resulted in his receiving several community and civic appointments over the years, among them: Governor's Special Council on Family Planning, Prevention of Pregnancies Committee; Fulton County/Atlanta Community Liaison to the EOA Board of Directors; Atlanta Dropout Prevention Collaborative; and Neighborhood Planning Unit T Atlanta Community Liaison. Mw. Stanley "Olatunji" Cotton truly is a servant of the people.