

# **Belmont Against Racism**

## **Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 10                      6:30 p.m.**

**First Church in Belmont, Universalist Unitarian  
404 Concord Ave., Belmont**

**Free, open to the public, and disability accessible**

**6:30 – Light refreshments will be served**

**7:00 – Program will begin, featuring:**



## **Clementina Chery**

### ***Reconciliation: from Violence to Peace***

CLEMENTINA (TINA) CHERY is a dedicated and inspirational leader, a powerful witness and advocate for peace and reconciliation in our urban communities. When Boston area families are torn apart by gun violence, they turn to Tina and her non-profit foundation -- the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.

Her understanding of the need for reconciliation comes from first hand experience. Her son, Louis David Brown, was murdered at age 15; an innocent victim caught in the crossfire of a gang shootout in their Dorchester neighborhood. Her compassion and insight extends to the families of those who have been accused of committing these violent crimes. She understands that they too are grieving families, needing the power of peace and reconciliation to overcome the divisions of hatred and violence.

As President & CEO of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, Tina Chery has gained the respect and admiration of a broad cross-section of the Boston community: from the Mayor's office and City Council, to mothers grieving for their lost children. Her awards include the Lady in the Order of St. Gregory the Great, bestowed by Pope John Paul; the American Red Cross 1998 Clara Barton Humanitarian Award; and the 2008 Public Citizen of the Year from the National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts chapter.