

## MAGGIE ANDERSON, AUTHOR OF "OUR BLACK YEAR" JOINS ONEUNITED BANK & JUBILEE CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR #BANKBLACK BOSTON TO ENCOURAGE COLLECTIVE ECONOMICS IN BLACK COMMUNITY

September 10th, 2016, 2pm-5pm pm @ Jubilee Christian Church 1500 Blue Hill Avenue, Boston, MA 02126

Boston – August 30, 2016 – On Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 2pm-5pm, OneUnited Bank will partner with Jubilee Christian Church to host #BankBlackBOSTON, a first-time account opening event at Jubilee Church, 1500 Blue Hill Avenue, Boston, MA 02126. Maggie Anderson, author of the nationally celebrated book <u>"Our Black</u> <u>Year"</u> will join #BankBlackBOSTON as special guest speaker. "Our Black Year" chronicles Anderson's year-long public experiment to buy exclusively from black businesses and the important lessons that were learned.

"When I come to Boston, I am coming because I am a proud member of a struggling, but strong community; for the same reason I went to my Black-owned dry cleaner this morning, gave a referral for a Black attorney, paper company and insurance agent. It's not enough – not anymore – to just profess, tweet and post that love. I'm coming to #BankBlackBOSTON because I want to prove that love, with my money, my mind, my strength and soul", said **Maggie Anderson**, author of "Our Black Year".

Over the summer of 2016, America's Black community galvanized via social media, text and word of mouth, answering the call for a collective show of economic force by moving their money from traditional banks to Black owned banks, like OneUnited Bank. The #BankBlack movement intensified when <u>Rapper Killer Mike</u> implored the Black community to deploy a portion of its financial resources to make a tangible difference during. Since then, OneUnited has seen a sharp influx in web traffic and new accounts, with over \$10 million deposited since this call to action.

With hundreds expected to attend, #BankBlackBOSTON is planned as a positive and exciting opportunity for Boston's urban community to participate in the nationwide push to #BankBlack. The event will feature free giveaways, entertainment, a personal meet-and-greet with the President & owner of OneUnited Bank, <u>Teri</u><u>Williams</u>, and engaging fellowship around the #BankBlack movement.

"Maggie Anderson is an educational and inspirational leader in the BankBlack and BuyBlack movement," says **President Teri Williams**. "Her <u>TEDx</u> on the subject is a must see. We are honored to have her join us for BankBlack Boston."

<u>Maggie Anderson's book "Our Black Year" will be available for sale.</u> For more information about OneUnited Bank, the #BankBlack Challenge and the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 event in Boston please visit www.oneunited.com/ BankBlackBoston or email <u>lashannon@oneunited.com</u>. Follow us on Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/oneunitedbank</u> Twitter: <u>@oneunited</u> #BANKBLACK The event is open to everyone.

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