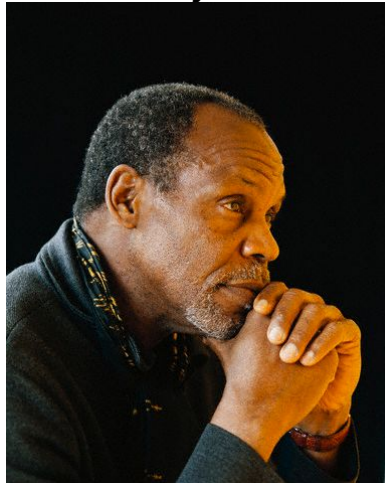




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**Interdenominational Theological Center Celebrates the
Hallmark of a Half-Century of Ecumenical Enterprise**
ITC honors Emmy-nominated actor Danny Glover for Civic and Community Service



ATLANTA – Danny Glover will be among ten persons honored by The Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) at the 50th Charter Day and 11th Annual James H. Costen Awards Dinner, Friday, April 25, at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel.

The Costen Awards, named in honor of the fifth president of ITC, recognizes individuals who have excelled in various fields to include business, civic and community affairs, government, religion, and education.

“I had the opportunity of being with Danny Glover in South Africa during the election of Nelson Mandela. Since that time, he has been very active in the movement to restore South Africa in its post Apartheid administration and is considered one of its national heroes. Mr. Glover is also a national spokesperson for the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation of America and works to raise awareness and funding for this disease that affects so many in our community,” said Dr. Michael A. Battle, president of ITC. “Mr. Glover, while hailed as a superb actor is also a tremendous humanitarian.”

A native of San Francisco, where he was born July 22, 1947, Glover attended San Francisco State and received his dramatic training at the American Conservatory Theatre's Black Actors' Workshop. He made his film debut in *Escape from Alcatraz* (1979). In the early '80s, Glover made his name portraying characters ranging from the sympathetic in *Places in the Heart* (1984) to the menacing in *Witness* (1985) and *The Color Purple* (1984). He reached box-office-gold status with the three *Lethal Weapon* flicks produced between 1987 and 1992, playing the conservative, family-man partner of "loose cannon" L.A. cop, Mel Gibson. Glover carried over his fiddle-and-bow relationship with Gibson into his off-screen life, and also contributed an amusing cameo in *Maverick* (1994). In 1998, Glover again reprised his role for the blockbuster-

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proportioned *Lethal Weapon 4*, and that same year gave a stirring performance in the little-
seen *Beloved*.

The other distinguished Costen honorees include: Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor (Religion), Mayor C. Jack Ellis (Government), Rev. B. Lance Eden and Rev. Dr. Valerie Green (Emerging Leaders), Ambassador Charles Stith (President's Award), Dr. David Satcher (Education), Ms. Scarlet Pressley Brown (Business), Rev. Barbara King (Trail Blazer) and Ms. Sallie Pope Howard, *Travelin' Shoes* Award.

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