

Traci Blackmon, UCC national officer, honored by African American newspaper

## **The executive minister of justice and witness ministries was named 2017 Person of the Year.**

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Traci Blackmon in [Charlottesville, Virginia, on August 12](#), 2017. Photo courtesy of [United Church News](#).

Traci Blackmon, a United Church of Christ national officer and pastor of Christ the King United Church of Christ, in Florissant, Missouri, was named 2017 Person of the Year by the *St. Louis American*, one of the top African American newspapers in the country.

“Though still pastor of her home church, she is now more than a local force to be reckoned with,” the editorial in the *St. Louis American* reads. “The courageous witness she bore in Ferguson, both on the streets as a clergy supporter and on the Ferguson Commission as a policy maker, gave her national visibility.” —United Church News