



TENTATIVE AGENDA

12th annual LEADERSHIP & ENRICHMENT *Summit*

February 15-17, 2026 | Tampa Renaissance Hotel | Tampa, FL

Hosted by the National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, Inc.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Foundation & Fellowship

10:45 AM - Bus Departure to Worship - Shuttles depart promptly for worship service.

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Worship Experience

Brown's Memorial Church of God in Christ: 2313 E 27th Ave. Tampa Florida 33605

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Registration & Vendor Marketplace Open

Renaissance Hotel Lobby & Vendor Hall

Pick up badges, event materials, and explore curated vendors.

Lunch on Your Own - Discover Tampa's local dining scene.

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM "The Conference" - Test Prep, What to Expect

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Workshop: "Who is NFDMA / 40 & Under?"

Learn the history, mission, and future vision of the NFDMA 40 & Under division

Presented by NFDMA Membership Chair

5:30PM - 6:30PM - "An Overview of South African Funerals" 1 CEU

Presenter, Bongisisa S Ngcobo

7:30 PM - 10:30 PM - Welcome Reception "Meet, Greet & Mingle"

Havana Nights Theme - Enjoy live music, hors d'oeuvres, and networking under the stars

11:00 PM - 12:30 AM - Embalming Panel Discussion - Join some of the nations top embalmers as they take a dive into the topic of preparation and presentation

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Enrichment & Engagement

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM - Morning Workout: Rise & Revive

Led by Dr. Raymond Giddens | Outdoor (weather permitting)

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Registration Open /Vendor Marketplace

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM - CEU Class - Topic: *Innovations in Funeral Service Technology*

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - CEU Class

Topic: *Rooted In Care: The Brand Blueprint for the Modern Funeral Home*

Presenter - Christie K. Redmon

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Funeral Home Tour

Explore premier funeral homes in the Tampa area and engage with local leaders.

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM - 40 & Under Family Reunion Cookout

Sponsored by Aaron A. Cooper Mortuary & Steven G. Hills House of Funerals

Food, games, music, and fellowship!

Aaron A Cooper Mortuary, 5016 N 22nd Street, Tampa, FL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Leadership & Legacy

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM - CEU Class - Topic: *Legal Compliance & Ethics in Funeral Service*

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - CEU Class

Topic: *Succession Planning & Intergenerational Business Transition*

12:45 PM - 2:45 PM - Chairman's Luncheon

Private Event: Former 40 & Under Chairs, Committee Members, National Officers, Location TBA

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Explore Tampa On Your Own

Free time to visit Ybor City, Tampa Riverwalk, or local beaches.

7:00 PM - 10:30 PM - The Emerald Awards Gala & Grand Finale

Formal attire required. Celebrate excellence, leadership, and vision in funeral service

Banquet Hall - Renaissance Hotel

CEU Credits offered above have been applied for and are currently pending approval