

Paula White, prosperity gospel televangelist, to pray at inauguration

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Paula White, a televangelist and prosperity gospel advocate, was chosen to deliver an invocation at Donald Trump's inauguration on January 20.

On New Year's Day at New Destiny Christian Center, her predominantly African-American megachurch just outside Orlando, she preached: "God is not going to change the government. He's going to *send* someone to do it."

Among those chosen to pray at an inauguration, White is the second woman. She had delivered a benediction at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland.

Critics see the prosperity gospel as promoting a transactional view of faith. And the Senate has investigated her fund-raising practices.

In her New Year's sermon she said, "I don't believe prosperity is money," but rather it is well-being. —Religion News Service