



**RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)**

**Invites you to its meeting **February 28** at 11:00 a.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Place, Greenwich, CT**

## **Hugh B. Price**

### **"This African-American Life: From Valley Forge to Civil Rights"**



One of Hugh B. Price's ancestors fought at Valley Forge. When another of his ancestors escaped slavery and reached Boston, celebrated abolitionists like Frederick Douglass and William Lloyd Garrison rallied to thwart his recapture and return, inspiring the poem, "From Massachusetts to Virginia," by John Greenleaf Whittier. A third ancestor was a noted inventor who belonged to the Edison Pioneers and perfected the original light bulb by prolonging its initially short life

Drawing on his unique ancestry and career, Hugh Price will speak about such pressing domestic challenges as improving race relations, building trust between police and the black community, and improving the education of underachieving children.

As president of the National Urban League from 1994 to 2003, Mr. Price launched the League's historic Campaign for African-American Achievement, spearheaded pressure on the federal government to combat police brutality and racial profiling, vigorously defended affirmative action, and helped repair frayed relations between the black and Jewish communities.

He has been an editorial writer for the *New York Times*; senior vice president in charge of the division at WNET/Thirteen which produces such acclaimed PBS series as *Great Performances*, *Nature* and *American Masters*; vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation; and visiting professor at the Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University. He currently serves on the National Commission on Social, Emotional, and Academic Development

Price is the author of five books, the latest of which is his memoir, *This African-American Life*. His articles have been published in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Phi Delta Kappa*, and *Chronicle of Higher Education*. His numerous television appearances range from *Meet the Press* and *The Newshour with Jim Lehrer* to *Charlie Rose* and *The O'Reilly Factor*. The recipient of honorary degrees from Yale University, Amherst College, and Northeastern University, he is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the American Philosophical Society.