



Clarence G. Newsome, Ph.D., is the president of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center based in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Newsome currently serves as a member of the Duke University Board of Trustees. He is past president of Shaw University, and he previously served as dean of the School of Divinity at Howard University and as a member of the Duke Divinity School faculty. He has also served on several major committees of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, and is a member and past president of the Society for the Study of Black Religion, a nationwide think tank of scholars engaged in studying the religious experience of African Americans.

Known for his academic work in African American history and culture as well as religious history, Newsome oversaw the creation of a museum of religious art at Howard, acquiring more than \$2.7 million in church artifacts and icons, with support from the Smithsonian Institution.

As a leader, Newsome is known for creating and implementing successful fundraising programs, building efficient organizational structures, forging strategic community partnerships and communicating compelling visions of the organizations he leads. Newsome is also a true team builder, inspiring volunteerism and encouraging an entrepreneurial leadership style within a nonprofit framework.

Newsome is a triple alumnus of Duke University, receiving a B.A. in religious studies in 1972, an M.Div. in 1975, and a Ph.D. in American religious history in 1982. While an undergraduate, he lettered in football and was the first African American scholarship athlete to graduate from Duke. In addition, he was on the Atlantic Coast Conference Honor Roll for outstanding academic achievement during athletic participation in ACC.

Newsome has provided leadership to a number of non-profit associations and organizations including:

- Board of Directors, North Carolina Symphony
- Board of Directors, Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle
- Board of Directors, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Vice Chairperson 2007-2009
- Board of Directors, Downtown Raleigh Alliance
- Board of Directors, Raleigh Capital City Dining Club
- Board of Directors, United Negro College Fund
- Board of Directors, Wake County Education Partnership
- Board of Directors, Alliance for Excellent Education, Washington, DC
- Member, North Carolina State Ethics Commission—only African American member of commission
- Member, White House Advisory Group on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 2003-2009

He and his wife, Lynne Platt Newsome, have two adult daughters and two grandchildren.