In its most simple definition, a mosaic is "a picture or other design constructed from smaller pieces." In addition to the subject and style of the design, it is the choice of materials and the skill in creating and placing the pieces that contribute to the personal, artistic and practical value of the mosaic. Using simple materials may create wonderful works of art. The Egan Office views Chicago as a mosaic of communities and neighborhoods. In these neighborhoods that are pieced together with uneasy symmetry, there are stories and voices unheard, heroes and griots, movements, and recycled dreams.

Egan Office of Urban Education and Community Partnerships at the Steans Center is hosting conversations with community and movement builders, activists, and organizers in an effort to recognize the critical voices that give shape to the Chicago Mosaic.

Please join our conversation!
Food will be provided!

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Student Center, Room 316

Karen Elaine Brewer is a Senior Pastor at Atonement Covenant church located on the south west side of Chicago in the Englewood community. Karen was born and raised in Chicago Illinois. Karen is married to Michael J. Brewer Sr. and they have six children, 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Karen worked at Illinois Bell Telephone Company for 19 years. As a survivor of domestic violence she transitioned to the field of domestic violence, she began working as a volunteer, then advocate.

In 1984 she founded and became executive director of People Abused and battered United (PABU) a domestic violence agency that was located in the Englewood community. PABU provided services that were culturally sensitive to victims of domestic violence and their families. In 1997 Karen became Ex. Dir. Of Wellspring transitional living Center, and in 2000 Karen began working as a domestic violence advocate/ trainer and consultant for a variety of agencies including; U.S. Dept. of Justice Office for Violence against women, IL. State dept. of Human Services, City of Chicago Mayor’s Office, and others.

As Rev. Brewer currently serves at the Atonement covenant church and continues to volunteer and advocate for those impacted by violence thru her role as a regional coordinator for AVA (advocacy for victims of Abuse). As a coordinator she is available to educate clergy and lay leaders and assist churches in the development of their ministry for victims of abuse.