

## **PRESIDING ELDER REV. WILLIE F. DOCKERY, JR.**



Reverend Dockery is the Presiding Elder of the Milwaukee District of the Southeast, Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin Region and Pastor of Bethel C.M.E. Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

His personal motto and theme for ministry is “ Our best for His Glory “.

He was born in Laurinburg, North Carolina to Mr. Willie F. Dockery, Sr. and Mrs. Fannie L. Dockery, (both deceased).

He is married to Reverend Annie B. Dockery and they are the proud parents of Minister Chanda L. Dockery, Mrs. Alicia R. Thomas and Jasmine J. Dockery. They are the proud grandparents of one grandson, Christian Xavier Dockery and one granddaughter Annie Rene Thomas.

Reverend Dockery graduated from the Scotland County public school system in North Carolina. He continued his education and personal development while attending Central Piedmont College, Milwaukee Theological Institute, and Marquette University.

During his 30 years of ministry; Rev Dockery has served as pastor of Christ Mission C. M.E. Church, St. John Concordia C.M.E. Church, and Bethel C.M.E. Church. The Lord has blessed him to have 13 sons and daughters in ministry.

He brings to the ministry and eldership 26 years of managerial experience and has held several key management positions at the executive staff level during his employment at J.C. Penney's.

Reverend Dockery has served as a member of The Community Transformation Project at Marquette University of Milwaukee Wisconsin, and the Ministerial Alliance for Black Methodist Churches United.

He was assigned to Bethel C.M.E. Church in May of 2002 and in 2003 he took an early retirement from his career at J.C. Penney to enter into ministry fulltime.

Under his leadership the Bethel C.M.E. Church has instituted several effective outreach ministries, which include; tutoring, community health fairs, community food pantry, healthy living and lifestyle ministry, Men of Valor MTM fellowship, Ministry in Motion Liturgical Dance, Children's Church, Visions of Virtue for young girls, Women fellowship, Sons of Promise mentoring for boys, praise team ministry, daughters of destiny mentoring for girls, and monthly offsite Sunday School.

Rev. Dockery was appointed Presiding Elder of the Milwaukee District in 2004, where he currently oversees 17 churches in 3 states, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota.