



Rev. Dr. Phillip D. Washington
Presiding Elder of the Detroit and Mid-Michigan Districts

Rev. Dr. Phillip D. Washington is currently serving as Presiding Elder of the Detroit and Mid-Michigan Districts, of the Third Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church where Bishop Sylvester Williams, Sr. is the Presiding Prelate. He serves as the Episcopal Program Director of the Third Episcopal District. He is the vice chair of the Christian Education Department of the CME Church. He is a former board member of the Personnel Services of the Christian Methodist Church and a former chair of the joint board of finance of the Michigan-Indiana Region. In 2013/14 conference year, Dr. Washington led the St. James CME Church (Flint) congregation in financial stability as they prepared to renovate and remodel the Church.

Before being assigned as Presiding Elder, Rev. Washington served as pastor of the St. John CME Church in Detroit, Michigan. Rev. Washington led this historical congregation in areas of spiritual guidance, leadership, discipleship and financial growth. Under his leadership he inspired and led the congregation in designing and implementing such ministries as Voices of Faith Young Adult Choir, St. John Liturgical Dance Ministry and The Nehemiah Mission” a church renovation project. In his second year as pastor he led the congregation in paying off a \$100,000.00 loan.

As pastor of Pilgrim Temple CME Church (East St. Louis, IL), Dr. Washington led this congregation in building children, youth, young adult ministries, renovating and updating the church as well as purchasing property surrounding the church. He established a 501 3 C organization and provided educational funded programs in the church and through out the city. He established partnerships with the school system, organizations and the city. Dr. Washington’s leadership in the East St. Louis and the St. Louis District went beyond the walls of the church.

Rev. Washington has been in the pastorate for almost 40 years in the CME connection serving the St. Matthew CME Church, Wichita, KS; St. James CME Church, Leavenworth, KS, Scotts Mater CME Church, Americus, GA., Mt. Zion CME Church, Viene, GA., Laymen Chapel CME Church South Bend, IN. Pilgrim Temple CME Church, East St. Louis, IL and Turner Chapel CME Church, Mount Clemons, MI. His leadership has led congregations in spiritual, numerical and financial growth.

Rev. Washington is passionate about community outreach and empowerment and it was this passion that led him to become founder and Chief Executive Officer of Vision In Communities, a non-profit organization that works with faith based organizations and other institutions in the development and capacity building of programs that go beyond the church walls and promote the church as a community asset. He was also the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Pilgrim Temple Human Development Outreach Center in East St. Louis. Dr. Washington was instrumental in the formation of the Black

Methodist (BMA) Alliance in Detroit, MI. He formed the first religious partnership with CFED and PNC Bank to help provide assistance to low and middle income children to save for college.

Rev. Washington earned a bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice from Wichita State University, a master of divinity degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center Phillip's School of Theology and a Doctorate of Ministry Degree from the United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio. The Rev. Dr. Phillip D. Washington is regarded as a prolific preacher and teacher.

Rev. Washington has served on numerous boards and committees throughout his tenure. In addition he has taught in many arenas' including a seminar in Austria on "Spirituality." Due to his leadership and community involvement, he was the first pastor in the state of Indiana to be invited to open Congress with prayer. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Rev. Washington is a fifth generation CME and follows a legacy of CME preachers and laypersons. He is the son of the late Rev. Lester Washington and Mrs. Emma Washington. His great, great, grandfather, the late Rev. Cyrus Alexander, Sr., organized the Alexander-Lawson Memorial CME church; the first CME church in Bastrop, Louisiana and he also served as the Presiding Elder of the Monroe District. His father the late Rev. Lester Washington led congregations in growth as well as led the St. Paul CME Church in Mexico, MO. in building a brand new facility that serves the church and community.

Rev. Washington is married to a loving, faithful and beautiful wife, Dr. Alandra L. Byrd Washington, is the proud father of two daughters Tyna (Henry) and Terrea (Zachary), and the overjoyed grandfather of Taleah Marie-Zion, Tia Marie-Zion, Tobias and Matthew.