



THE REV. DR. TERRY L. JONES, SR.

The Rev. Dr. Terry L. Jones, Sr. serves as the Senior Pastor of the historic Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church of Hartford, Connecticut and as Presiding Elder of the Hartford District of the New England Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. He serves under the capable leadership of The Right Reverend Dennis V. Proctor, Presiding Prelate of the North Eastern Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

A native of Jacksonville Florida, Rev. Jones completed his early childhood and secondary education in that city before moving and matriculating with full academic scholarship at Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Additional academic preparation and studies were completed at the St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City Missouri. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from The New York Theological Seminary, New York City, New York. In September 2015, he was conferred with an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from our beloved Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC.

Pastor Jones was called to preach in 1979, while he was a member of the historic Evans Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina and was received into the Central North Carolina Conference in November 1981. Rev. Jones served as pastor of several churches within the Central North Carolina Conference including: St. Mary's and Taylor's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Churches, Kitrell, N.C. (1981-1982) and Mt. Zion A.M.E. Zion Church, Fayetteville, N.C. (1983-1989).

In December of 1989, Jones was transferred to the Missouri Annual Conference as pastor of the St. Matthew A.M.E. Zion Church, Kansas City, Missouri (1989-1992).

While living in the Kansas City area, Pastor Jones served as a High School educator with the Kansas City Public School District, teaching History and Music at the Central High School.

From January 1992 to October 2004, Pastor Jones served as the pastor of the Warner Temple A.M.E. Zion Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. Under his leadership, much was accomplished. A new ultra-modern church edifice was built and dedicated in 1996; a very commodious and well-appointed parsonage was purchased and dedicated in April 2000. Extensive properties were purchased around the church for future expansion; a Community Outreach Facility was purchased and completely renovated for the use of the Warner Outreach Ministries Community Development Corporation, a non-profit (501C-3) entity of the church.

In October 2004, after twelve successful years in Wilmington, N.C., Pastor Jones was transferred to the New England Annual Conference where he was stationed as the Senior Pastor of the historic Metropolitan Church, Hartford, CT. Here he continues to lead the congregation into new ventures of ministry. Under his leadership, the ministries of the church have been reorganized for optimal effectiveness and service to both the congregation and the constituency of the church.

The physical properties of the church have been completely renovated and refurbished, including the beautiful sanctuary of Metropolitan and its Grand Pipe Organ, as well as the well-appointed parsonage which is a place of beauty and comfort for the First Families who will serve Metropolitan. Further, the congregation has acquired a large tract of property immediately adjacent to its current church property, complete with a 12,000 square foot building. When fully redeveloped, along with new construction, this property will be the site of the new Metroplex Center, a 29-unit Senior Housing Complex. Pastor Jones is engaged in extensive community outreach and development activities in the North end of Hartford, Connecticut.

Pastor Jones has served in the itinerant ministry of the A.M.E. Zion Church for the past forty years and has enjoyed successful pastorates wherever he has been assigned to serve. In much demand as a Conference speaker and preacher, Jones has traveled extensively representing the denomination. He serves on a number of boards and commissions of the A.M.E. Zion Church including the Harriett Tubman Board of Directors, The Executive Committee of the Northeast Episcopal District Institute, a member of the Connectional Council, and the Executive Committee of the Connectional Budget Board of the A.M.E. Zion Church, and he also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for Hood Theological Seminary.

In addition to these tasks Pastor Jones has served as the Presiding Elder of the Nassau District of the Bahamas Island Annual Conference (2012 -2019) and he currently serves as the very effective Presiding Elder of The Hartford District of the New England Conference.

Pastor Jones is married to Mrs. Donzia Maria Singleton Jones, formerly of Henderson, North Carolina, and they are the proud parents of three boys: Terry, Jr. (T.J.), Justin Bernard and Joshua Alan. They are also the grandparents of a beautiful granddaughter, Little Nikoda Jones.