

Reverend Moses L. Harvill

A Man of Humanitarian Spirit

Moses L. Harvill has served as Pastor of Cross Street AME Zion Church in Middletown, Connecticut, since 1993. Under his guidance, the Church has grown spiritually, numerically, and economically, moving to a beautiful, new, larger edifice in 2007. The new facility is designed to accommodate more people and to serve the community more effectively through forty plus ministries.

Reverend Harvill's love of people trickles down to his congregation, at the same time that his focused leadership impacts the larger community through his civic engagement. To name a few of his many contributions, he has served on the Board of Directors of the I Have A Friend Youth Center, the Cross Street Training & Academic Center, Inc., the Nehemiah Housing Corporation, St. Vincent DePaul Place, Middlesex United Way, Planned Approach to Community Health (PATCH), Yale University's Black Seminarians, IMPACT Professional Business Organization, the Alabama Council on Crime and Delinquency, and the Alabama Peace Officers Association.

At present, Reverend Harvill serves in the Northeastern Episcopal District and New England Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. He is a key organizer of the Ministerial Alliance of Middletown, a coalition of dedicated pastors serving the community; he also acts as chairman of the Housing Coalition.

Reverend Harvill is founder and president of Home Ownership Providing Empowerment (H.O.P.E.), a program that assists local families in becoming first-time homeowners. As chair of the City of Middletown Jones Fund, he has been instrumental in raising and distributing funds to area residents in financial need. He also was actively involved in the initial organization and development of the Amazing Grace Food Pantry, which helps to feed the needy of Middletown.

Today, twenty-five area churches participate in the annual Middletown Community Good Friday Service, which was instituted by Reverend Harvill, with Cross Street AME Zion Church sponsoring and hosting the first service.

Reverend Harvill's concern for education compelled him to organize and develop a successful Back-To-School Community Day, which provides school supplies and accessories to over 300 children in the Middletown community. This annual event enjoys the support of the Mayor and the Superintendent of Schools, as well as a number of social service agencies and other community organizations and businesses. Much the same is true for the Cross Street Training & Academic Center, Inc., an after-school tutorial program established under the Pastor's guidance and support.

Finally, humble, down-to-earth, and a true humanitarian, Reverend Harvill is the recipient of numerous awards and commendations, which he would be the last to list. He would be the first to say, however, that he is happily married to Eledia Soni Harvill (née Camp).

Place of Birth: Birmingham, AL

Education:

May 1993: Yale University, M. Div., Parish Ministry

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May 1974: Alabama A&M University, B.S., Business Management