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EDUCATION

Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, **Master of Divinity Degree** in *Social Ethics*
Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA, **Bachelor of Arts Degree** in *Religion*, Minor in *Political Science*.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Third New Hope, Detroit, MI

Jan. 10, 2018 – present

Lead Pastor (Jan. 1, 2020-Present)

- Responsible for the general welfare and oversight of the church; Providing spiritual instruction through preaching & teaching, oversees the administration of church ordinances, presides in all meetings involving the business of the church, and tenderly watches over the spiritual needs of the membership.
- Serves as Chairperson Ex-Officio of all boards, committees and ministries in the church; working in partnership with Human Resource in all recommendations for hiring, disciplinary actions, terminations and salary considerations, while settings, monitoring and managing the church financial priorities in order to sustain ministry work, facility maintenance, and staff salaries.

Associate Pastor (Jan. 10, 2018-Dec. 31, 2019)

- Assisted the Senior Pastor with the daily operations of the church office and ministry, including supporting, assessing and developing the staff and volunteers, as well as providing spiritual edification to the membership through regular preaching, teaching, and counseling.
- Chaired the church finance team, overseeing the church's \$1.3million annual budget - implementing giving strategies that increased our giving 8% from year to year.
- Coordinated the church's community-based services including the Head-Start program, Chance for Life Reentry program, Community Care Network Supportive Services and Mary Cole Food Pantry.
- Facilitated the ministry's donation efforts which provided over 20,000 bottles of water to Flint, MI, 165 pajamas to children in foster care, 125 full thanksgivings meals to families in need, and over 120 families assisted with back to school supplies.
- Represented the ministry on advisory boards and councils, including: DMC Clergy Advisory Board, DTE Clergy Roundtable, NAACP Faith Leader Table, and the Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit & Vicinity.

Kairos Center, New York, NY

Sept. 7, 2016- Sept. 5, 2017

Poverty Fellow

- Participated in the strategic planning efforts for the relaunch of MLK's Poor People's Campaign; compiled research, resources and organizing materials for several social justice organizations throughout the Kairos Network; and served as an organizer and panelist at the National MOPLIS Training hosted by Rev. William Barber discussing the relationship between race, class, poverty, and activism.
- Assisted in the recruitment and convening of the Kairos Center's Standing Truth Commission, made up of social justice activists and organizers from across the country, charged with discerning the plight and needs of those challenged by poverty.
- Coordinated a bi-weekly advocacy table with clergy leaders for Metropolitan Organizing Strategies Enabling Strength (MOSES); facilitated one-on-one's with community stakeholders; and organized a community-wide advocacy forum addressing issues of Water Equity, Civil Citations, Voter Engagement and Economic Justice.
- Lobbied members of Congress and held public demonstrations to address issues of immigration and mass incarceration at the Gamaliel Foundation's Race and Power Summit in DC.

State of Michigan (DHS) Lansing, MI

June 17, 2012-Aug. 18, 2015

Director, Community Schools (Jan. 29, 2014-Aug. 18, 2015)

- Administered and supported the implementation of the 'community school model' in 24 schools across MI.
- Leveraged community resources and supports; reducing chronic absenteeism by 33% in Pathway schools statewide.
- Facilitated collaboration with AARP to provide mentoring support for student and teachers at select schools.

- Secured \$2M from DCH to establish Child Adolescence Health Clinics for 3 schools in Detroit and Muskegon.
- Provided regular training opportunities for school coordinators in concert with the National Center for Community Schools.
- Developed and monitored strategic plan for the expansion of the Pathway to Potential model for the department.
- Represented the department on the Community School Leadership Taskforce in 3 counties.

Program Specialist, Office of Interagency Collaboration & Reengineering (June 17, 2012-Jan. 28, 2014)

- Coordinated partnerships and provided support to spur collaboration between the state and faith-based agencies.
- Collaborated with Veteran Affairs through Macomb County’s Veterans Co-location Pilot; organizing monthly Veteran Forums which provided needed resources to the state’s veteran population.
- Shaped and managed the implementation of the state’s ECHO pilot in Detroit and Saginaw, assisting thousands of low-income individuals navigate resources. (Secured \$2million from the State Legislature for this pilot.)
- Fostered and maintained collaborations with many state and federal agencies and programs.

City of Detroit, Detroit, MI

Jan. 5, 2010-Jun. 15, 2012

Chief of Staff, Detroit City Council (Dec. 12, 2011-June 15, 2012)

- Managed the administrative functions for city council and divisions and its 58 employees.
- Developed the office’s organizational structure; advised the Council President in all major policy and budgetary measures; and, launched the Detroit City Council’s new website.
- Represented the Council President in negotiations leading to the passage of a Financial Stability Agreement.
- Reduced the Council President’s budget expenses by 20%, while maintaining a high production of services.
- Implemented accountability measures increasing the efficiency of the City of Detroit’s Board of Review.
- Oversaw the reduction of a nearly \$13.6 million budget for the entire City Council by approximately 20%.

Director of Community Outreach/Speechwriter (Jan. 5, 2010-Dec. 9, 2011)

- Developed and led the curriculum for the Male Leadership Forum for Frederick L. Douglass Academy for Young Men, which mentored 50 high school seniors over two years.
- Organized and chaired the Second Chance Task Force (for returning citizens) and the Young Detroiters Task Force (for civic engagement) on behalf of the City Council President.
- Coordinated the Council President’s Felons Only Job Fair, leading to the hire of approximately 200 returning citizens; and his DPS Violence Prevention Tour for at risk high schools.
- Coordinated several meetings with U.S Secretaries and White House staff on behalf of the Council President while executing partnerships and developing relationships with community organizations, nonprofits, churches, advocacy groups and local colleges/universities.
- Served as spokesperson; drafted op-ed, press releases, joint resolutions, talking points, media responses and speeches for the Council President, including his Inaugural Remarks and 2010-2012 Budget Addresses.
- Secured over \$12,000 in community and corporate sponsorship for community initiatives.

SPECIAL DISTINCTIONS & ACTIVITIES

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- Ex-Officio Member of Detroit Public Schools (2004) (First student to have the seat)
 - Michigan Chronicle’s 40 under 40 honoree (2012)
 - Board Member –Southwest Housing Solutions and Southwest Economic Solutions (2009-2015), Summer in the City (2014), and the Detroit Workforce Development Board (2014-2015).
 - Ordained Clergy (2014)
 - Union Scholar (2015-2018)
 - Kairos Center, Poverty Fellow (2016-2017)
 - Hudnut Preaching Award Recipient (2017)
 - Member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

SKILLS

Microsoft Office, Google Drive, Video Editing & PowerPoint; Strong- Written & Verbal Communication, Social Media Savvy, Action-oriented, Entrepreneurial; Ability to work well independently and with teams.