
2016 STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS



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CATHEDRAL INTERNATIONAL

BISHOP DONALD HILLIARD, JR. D.MIN.
SENIOR PASTOR

ONE CHURCH IN THREE LOCATIONS

Cathedral International

277 Madison Avenue
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Iglesia Catedral Internacional
272 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Cathedral International Asbury Park
1400 Grand Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Cathedral International Plainfield
525 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060

And Our
Jackson Bible Study
Held at Jackson Liberty High School
125 N Hope Chapel Rd, Jackson, NJ 08527

"CATHEDRAL INTERNATIONAL" Formerly the Second Baptist Church (founded in 1904). A Christ-centered community, we embrace historic Christian Liturgy and Pentecostal fervor. We hold in tension a call to spirit-filled living and social renewal. Our five-fold mission is to Evangelize, Educate, Emancipate, Empower and Expand in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ through Loving, Lifting and Liberating humanity. Cathedral International of Asbury Park, New Jersey and Cathedral International of Plainfield, New Jersey are extensions of the CATHEDRAL INTERNATIONAL. We are One Church in Three Locations experiencing the WONDER, WORSHIP and WITNESS of Jesus Christ. CATHEDRAL INTERNATIONAL is a member of the American Baptist Churches, USA. Our Bishop, is the Presiding Prelate of the Covenant Ecumenical Fellowship and Cathedral Assemblies, Inc. A fellowship of churches, ministers, bishops and pastors.

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2016 Theme: “Financial Freedom and Praying Power!”*“Pray Without Ceasing” 1 Thessalonians 5:17***Wednesday, March 29, 2017 ■ 7:00 PM ■ 277 Madison Avenue Perth Amboy, NJ**

Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr. D.Min..... Moderator

THE CALL TO ORDER Moderator

THE EVENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

New Testament I Corinthians 12:12-26

THE EVENING HYMN “Lift Every Voice And Sing,” *Caldwell’s Union Harmony, 1837*

Lift ev’ry voice and sing ‘til earth and heaven ring; ring with the harmony of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the list’ning skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us. Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us. Facing the rising sun of our new day begun. Let us march on ‘til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast’ning rod; felt in the days when hope unborn had died. Yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears have been watered. We have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered. Out from the gloomy past, ‘til now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might, led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee, lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee; Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand, True to our God, true to our native land.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

- The Annual State of the Church Address, Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr.
- Iglesia Catedral Internacional, Pastor Esteban Santana
- Cathedral International Asbury Park, Pastor Phyllis Hilliard
- Cathedral International Plainfield, Pastor Kevin Smallwood
- Jackson Bible Study, Elder Phillip Merriweather
- Fiscal Overview, Pastor Abraham Alston, Jr.

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

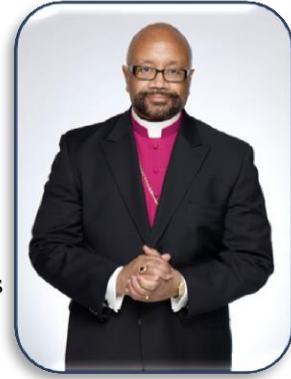
OFFERING

ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING

THE BENEDICTION

Our five-fold mission is to **EVANGELIZE, EDUCATE, EMANCIPATE, EMPOWER AND EXPAND** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ through LOVING, LIFTING and LIBERATING humanity.

2017 Theme: “A New Year – A New Opportunity”*“To Everything There Is A Season” Ecclesiastes 3:1a*



Most Beloved of God,

I want to thank God Almighty through Jesus Christ our Lord, for who He is and for how far He has brought us.

It is with sincere praise and gratitude that I pen this report. I am reminded of how tremendous this 34 year journey of being Senior Pastor of Cathedral International, the Historic Second Baptist Church has been.

Throughout the years, we have preached the Gospel; thousands have been saved, baptized, married, blessed and have a better quality of life because of what the Lord continues to do through this ministry. We have taken little and done much: a dilapidated theatre transformed into a Sanctuary (on April 2, 2017 we will celebrate 25 years that we have worshiped in The Cathedral); converted land into affordable housing (Jefferson Street Townhomes); opened an outreach center where those in need can obtain help, support and needed resources (Mercy House); developed transitional housing for men (Timothy House); created a safe haven for children to learn and grow (Harambee House); provided ministry and office space (Family Life Enrichment Center and Hilliard Community Affairs Complex); opened the Cathedral Café/Youth Chapel/Technology Center; purchased our Asbury Park Sanctuary, Complex and Kaleidoscope property, as well as our Cranbury land. For it all, we give God praise!

The Lord continues to be faithful to us, as we forge forward to pay off our Mortgage. We are still amazed at how the Lord intervened, from the time our mortgage was called to the nine month journey toward allowing us to obtain favor with a new lending institution! It was the miracle we were praying, fasting and believing God for. As of the date of this writing, our balance is down to \$2,068,633! In the meantime, together we must remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting the ministry so that we can continue to serve our members and the communities we are located in. May our great God continue to prevail!

Our theme for 2017 is, ***“A New Year – A New Opportunity.”*** With new opportunities in mind, our priorities include:

1. Prayer

The Bible says that we should pray without ceasing. Let's be intentional about increasing our prayer life.

2. Serve the Poor

How can we help to alleviate poverty throughout the nation? What can we do to help Flint, Michigan? What can we do to help Ferguson, Missouri? What can we do to help the burned out in inner cities? What can we do to adopt a school and engage our children? We have to work together. Many of you are already out there and making an impact in your schools, communities and the nation. Please let us know how you are making a difference.

3. Progress

We should all endeavor toward a greater relationship with the Lord. As a ministry, we continue to make progress, moving forward in Jesus' name. Likewise, we encourage you to pursue the goals and dreams that God places in your heart (higher education and/or vocational training, starting a business, writing a book, owning a home, etc.).

Saints, the Bible is still right, and so I encourage and challenge us all to return the whole Tithe (10% of our income) and bring our Offerings. As well, endeavor to save (10%) and invest (10%). We cannot out give God. If you want something, you've got to give something. This is why the Church does its best to follow this model. None of us can receive with a closed hand.

As I celebrate this 60th year of life, it is my hope that people will come from everywhere to celebrate with me. Praise God for a celebration of life and not death! Please plan now to join and mark your calendars for July 7th.

After much prayer and contemplation over the last three years, I have felt led of the Lord to retire from my position as Presiding Bishop of the Covenant Ecumenical Fellowship and Cathedral Assemblies. Leadership will be transferred to Bishop Curtis Douglas, and the name of the Reformation will become the Covenant Fellowship Alliance. I will continue to serve as Founding Bishop and Presiding Bishop Emeritus. This will have no effect on the churches that have come out of, or are under the covering of Cathedral International. All will be considered “The Legacy.” We are praying for and wish Bishop Hollister Curtis Douglas the best, and remain confident that he will take this Reformation to the next level.

I am thankful to God for my wife and First Lady, Pastor Phyllis Hilliard who continues to be an amazing wife, mother, grandmother and pastor. We remain thankful for our children, Leah, Charisma, Destiny and Joseph, as well as our grandson Joseph Donald. I honor the precious memory of my father, the late Donald Hilliard, Sr. and my mother, the late Alease Elizabeth Crawford Hilliard Chapman.

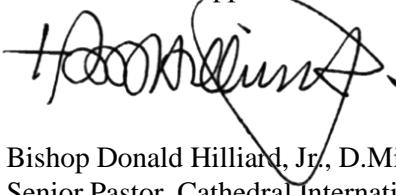
I am very grateful to our stellar staff that works around the clock. Our Pastoral team is unparalleled! We have Pastor Phyllis Hilliard (Asbury Park), Pastor William Barlow, Pastor Michael W. Leach, Pastor Abraham Alston (Asbury Park), Pastor Deniece Reid (Asbury Park), Pastor Danielle Brown, Pastor Larry McCullum, Pastor Catherine Griggs, Pastor Esteban Santana, Pastor Kevin Smallwood (Plainfield), Pastor Vivian McClain (Plainfield), Pastor Amir Ballard (Asbury Park) and Rev. Joanne Noel. With their support, I am able to step away and the church keeps moving forward. Please pray for and support all of our current Pastors and the pastors that will be newly appointed. Some will remain to serve in the house, and others may be sent out and installed at different churches (like Pastor Andre Price). We are thankful to God for the Legacy of Cathedral International and the Cathedral Diaspora.

Great appreciation to our Presbytery, Diaconate, Ministerium, Church Mothers, Episcopal Support team, Church Staff, Ministry Leaders, Adjutancy, Pastoral Care team, every volunteer and all who serve and support this outstanding ministry. God is not unrighteous to forget your generosity and sacrifices.

Know that I love you all and thank you for the privilege of allowing me to serve as your Senior Pastor. Let us have a made up mind to “*Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord*” (Hebrews 12:14 NIV). Now more than ever we must come together, pray for one another and stand in solidarity to keep and defend our faith. Cultivate your relationship with Jesus and never let go of hope! May Cathedral International continue to be a relevant, God-honoring ministry that serves one another and the community with compassion and care.

Please continue reading the following pages to see more of what the Lord has and is doing. To God be all the glory!

With Love and Appreciation,



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Rev. Phyllis Hilliard, Rev. Abraham Alston, The Rev. Dr. Deniece Reid, The Rev. Amir Ballard

Asbury Park - 2016 Highlights

- Annual Ocean Baptism and Community Outreach
- Annual Jazz Brunch and Fellowship
- Monthly Women's Fellowship and Clothing Giveaway
- Monthly Men's Fellowship
- Annual Men's Annual Breakfast
- Dr. Martin Luther King Day service
- Weekly Prayer Call
- Donated clothes, food, and school supplies to the community



We declare that 2017 will be our best year!

**PLAINFIELD****Covering Pastors:** Rev. Kevin Smallwood, Rev. Vivian Thomas McClain**Plainfield - 2016 Highlights**

- 15 Year Anniversary Celebration for Ministry
- Hope McLean Austin Outreach
- Mayor of Plainfield visitation for Family and Friends Day
- National Organization of Black Law Executives Presentation for Emergency Preparedness
- Increase Evangelistic Outreach

**JACKSON BIBLE STUDY**

To the Glory of God, the Jackson Bible Study (JBS) group has been meeting at Jackson Liberty High School, Jackson, NJ, every Tuesday at 7:00pm for over eight years, to fellowship and share in the Word of God. The study is facilitated by Elders Harvey Lockley and Phillip Merriweather, and Deacon Arnold Gadson, under the leadership of Bishop Donald Hilliard.

- At Jackson Bible Study, we share in the Word, pray for one another, share our thoughts, challenges, laughter, and every now and then some good food.
- Together, through studying God's word, our members connect the scriptures with their lives, and build relationships with the Lord and one another.



2016 Highlights

- Established two levels of discipleship in 2016; one in the spring for seven weeks and one in the fall for 6 weeks.
- May 28, 2016, we handed out 7 Certificates of Completion and 13 Certificates for Participation in the first level of discipleship.
- November 13, 2016, we handed out 13 Certificates of Completion and 9 certificates of participation for the second level of discipleship.
- Over 22 members of the Spanish church participate in the Discipleship classes.
- Classes took place in a member's house in Piscataway, NJ on Tuesday evenings and at the Family Life Enrichment Center on Friday evenings.
- Trained another young man to play the bass guitar. He currently plays three out of four Sundays for the Spanish church worship service. The worship team currently consists of a guitar player, a bass guitar player, a drummer, and 5 singers.
- 11 Spanish church members participated in providing different cultural dishes to International Sunday in September 2016
- November 2016, Minister Bill Leach did a College Readiness Presentation to the youth and their parents of the Spanish church.
- December 2016, assisted the youth with setting up profiles on different scholarship websites.
- Christmas 2016, the youth and children of the Spanish church under the direction of Pastor Santana and Marisol Santana ministered its first Christmas Cantata with a Fellowship dinner afterwards. Singing solos in the Cantata were Pastor Santana (Mary Did You Know – Bilingual); Marisol Santana (Nació Jesus) ; Esteban Santana, IV (Medley of Christmas Songs in Spanish); Priscilla Santana (Silent Night in Spanish); Iris Gonzalez (Medley of Christmas Songs in Spanish); The Children's choir with solos by Abraham Pomacaja and Kevin Quintero singing Feliz Navidad / I Want to Wish you a Merry Christmas

2017 Goals:

- Our Main Focus for 2017 is to continue developing a strong Discipleship program.
 - This year, discipleship is taking place once a month with a different teacher teaching each lesson. This will help develop leaders within the group.
- Our second goal is to maintain all ministries (women, men, youth, and worship ministries).
 - The only change with the youth is that with so many of the youth being in high school, one of the youth sessions a month will be focused on careers. Thus far we have had Criminal Justice Career Night. The next one will be a Marketing Career night, tentatively scheduled for April 28, 2017.
- Continue to hold summer evangelism services outside in the courtyard at the Corner Complex and do Outreach through its English Classes.
- Attend ABC-NJ Latino Churches sponsored events in order to promote fellowship among its Latino churches.
- Lastly, we hope to start an intercessory prayer group.

2016 Highlights:

- Relocation of Administrative Offices, Ministry Space and CCDC Office from the Hilliard Complex to the Family Life Enrichment Center and The Cathedral. This included retrofitting the new locations (major clean-up, upgrade and add electrical, security/entry system, internet access/wifi, telephone system, paint, built additional storage areas, etc.).
- Engaged vendors and negotiated in preparation for the clean-up of the Hilliard Complex.
- Renegotiated and renewed two of our commercial leases - YMCA and Cell Time.
- Began cost analysis, site visits, negotiations and proposal review for Solar Energy options for several properties.
- Continued our efforts toward our Mortgage Burning under the leadership of Brother Lance Lavergne and the Mortgage Burning team. Town Hall informational meetings were held at each location.
- Held our Mortgage Burning Walk-A-Thon led by Minister Sentheia McLeod.
- Awarded Educational Scholarships - \$15,000.
- Established Cathedral International Garden at Cathedral Farms. The ground was tilled and prepared by our Farmer, fencing was installed, the Garden was blessed, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held and the Saints began to plant. The gardening and harvesting season was led by Mother Iona Jenkins and her faithful team! Produce was shared with each location and our Soup Kitchen prepared and served vegetables from our own garden.
- Continued our Cathedral Staff and YMCA Early Childhood Development Center Singing and Reading Together Partnership.
- Served on the City of Perth Amboy's Leadership team for the Middlesex County Culture of Health Initiative to develop an action plan to improve the health of our community. This partnership endeavors to address Workplace Wellness, Healthy Corner Stores and Restaurants, Healthy Schools & Child Care Centers, Health Care Centers and the Faith Based Community.
- Supported the Perth Amboy Mayor and Police department through the Chaplaincy Corps.
- Determine Preaching Schedule assignments and Worship Leader assignments for Worship Services.
- Engaged a variety of Pastoral Assignments and Special Projects as assigned by Bishop Hilliard.



2017 Goals:

- Continue to provide a solid infrastructure and operational support that fosters the ministry's ability to effectively promote the Gospel, as well as serve our membership and surrounding communities.
- Continue seeking creative ways of generating revenue and reducing expenses.
- Seek Staff Development and Recreational Opportunities.
- Pursue Internship programs to include Communications, Media and Technology.
- Rental of Kaleidoscope building in Asbury Park.
- Begin structural repairs on The Cathedral, Asbury Park sanctuary and Complex; the Hilliard Complex cleanup and Café/Youth Chapel repairs.
- Install additional/new campus building signage.
- Cranbury Property: Cathedral Farm at Cathedral Gardens Adopt-A-Crop project (10'x 10') planting boxes will be available for sponsorship, upkeep, harvesting and sharing). We anticipate scheduling school tours and hosting classes for canning and healthy food preparation. In addition, we will continue to comply with all necessary filings and regulations to ensure that we maintain our yearly Farmland Assessment, which allows us to be taxed at a substantially reduced rate. This includes engaging our Farmer to plant, harvest crops and renew our Woodland Management Program.
- Increase participation and partnership in outreach and evangelistic efforts.
- Continue participation in the City of Perth Amboy's Leadership team for the Middlesex County Culture of Health Initiative.



2016 Highlights

- Upgraded to cloud-based Accounting software to enhance financial reporting and efficiency.
- Established a Finance team to monitor financial activities on weekly basis.
- Worked closely with Presbytery and Administration to make critical management decisions.
- Revised the process for monitoring the budget and controlling disbursements.
- Worked in tandem with the leadership of the Mortgage Burning team.

2017 Goals

- Continue to work toward improving and enhancing financial and administrative operations.
- Continue creative ways to generate revenue and reduce expenses.
- Pursue cutting-edge technology to advance become more efficient and effective.

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr.	Mother Brenda Woods	Leon Largie
The Reverend Abraham Alston	Minister Donald Dixon	Marsha Livingston
The Reverend Dr. Danielle Brown	Minister Carole Dorch-Wright	Guy McEacheron, Jr.
The Reverend Catherine Griggs	Minister Guy Henry	John McKinney
The Reverend Phyllis Hilliard	April Allen	Phyllis Merriweather
The Reverend Michael Wilkerson Leach	Lauren Chambliss Hernandez	Leo Newton
The Reverend Dr. Joanne Noel	Jeanann Cortez-Fuentes	Donald Parker
The Reverend Dr. Deniece Reid	Annette Coward	Robin Payne
The Reverend Esteban Santana	Arlinda Del Rosario	Pastor Joshua Smith
Deacon Shirley Brooks	Theodore Elias	Dennis Tuggle
Deacon Patricia Crews-Hyman	Cornell Fields	Lloyd Vaughan
Deacon Andrew Largie	Quinton Fields	Jerrell White
Deacon Lisa Marie Richardson	Edward Flounoy	Robert Williams
Deacon Richard Ousley	Clarence Garland, Jr	Shanise Woods
Deacon Connell Spady	Jean Glover	
Deacon George Turk	Myrna Holt	



** Special thanks to all of our Independent Contractors who diligently work with us throughout the year.**

2016 Highlights

- Another successful year of 21 Day Consecration Calls and 40 Day Lenten Calls. This year Cathedral International leaders and laity contributed original writing and reflections which were compiled as our Lenten guide.
- After connecting with the Lott Carey Baptist Mission Convention in 2015, we were able to expand our missions reach by sending financial contribution for efforts in Haiti, Flint and Louisiana. This was in addition to our contributions and participation in the work of the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey.
- Three of our candidates successfully completed the process for ABCNJ ordination: The Reverend Vivian Thomas-McClain, The Reverend Dr. Dawn Rivers, and The Reverend Andre Price.
- Cathedral International was represented at various community events in the Perth Amboy to include: National Night Out, State of the City Address, Mayor's Concert Series, 9/11 Memorial, Easter Egg Hunt, Perth Amboy Area NAACP Mayoral Debate, 2017 Hunger Walk, and Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting.
- Held our first Back to School Celebration for the students of the William C. McGinnis School. Through the partnership of our Missionary Ministry, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, and Cathedral Community Development Corporation, we were able to give away free school supplies and feed over 400 young people.
- The Men's Ministry, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, and Missionary Ministry partnered to host Homecoming Dinner for the Perth Amboy High School Varsity Football Team and Cheerleaders. The coaching staff credited the team's dramatic win to the Cathedral's prayers and food.
- Implemented Family Fridays where our Man 2 Man, Sista 2 Sista, New Generation, Chosen Generation, and Children's Church ministries all met on the same night following a meal and worship. This also marked the relaunch of the Sista 2 Sista Women's Fellowship in Perth Amboy.
- Hosted the Ministry Leader Recharge Sessions for current ministry leaders, volunteers, and potential ministry leaders. The focus of these sessions was specifically the role of lay leadership and church ministries, spiritual warfare, and spiritual growth for those who serve the Lord's Church.
- Supervised ministry interns from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Pillar College.



2017 Goals

- Increased, intentional outreach and evangelistic efforts to include a Summer Crusade and outdoor revival.
- Establish a Millennial Think Tank consisting of members within the 20 - 40 age range to brainstorm ideas and strategies for church life and church growth.
- Intentional ministry leader and ministry volunteer recruitment that will increase in the number of lay members who are actively serving in ministries.
- Host two sessions of the eight week Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Course.
- Strengthen and increase partnerships with Perth Amboy Public Schools, giving particular attention to the schools closest to the Cathedral Campus. This will include providing Team Dinners for PAHS Football, Adopting a Class at the Wilentz School, and our Back to School Cookout for the McGinnis School.
- Increase congregational awareness and engagement in matters of justice.
- Launch the Leadership Development Process with the goal of licensing and ordaining additional church leaders by 2018/2019.
- Work to ensure that Cathedral International is a church where congregants are growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ and as a community of believers modeling the fruit thereof.



Christian Education: Sunday School 2016 Highlights:

- Annual Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast (February)
- Palm Sunday Pageant Presentation (March)
- Promotional Exercise and Sidewalk Sunday School (June – July)
- Pre-VBS Taking it to the Streets Evangelism and VBS for children and adults (July)
- Back to Church Sunday School Fun Day Kickoff (September)
- Teacher's Enrichment Session with The Reverend Lula Baker (September)
- Re-established weekly Adult Sunday School (October)
- Christmas Pageant presentation during Worship Service and Caroling at Alameda Nursing Home (December)
- Sunday School Bishop's Bible Bee Contest Round 1 (December)
- Implemented Fire Drill Protocol and Walkie Talkies

Christian Education: Sunday School 2017 Goals:

- Bishop's Bible Bee Contest Finale before the Congregation
- Develop additional Adult Sunday School Courses which include studies for Men, the History of the African American Church, and Fundamentals of the Faith
- Community Easter Egg Hunt with the City of Perth Amboy
- Easter Pageant and Day of the Arts Service
- Continued Teacher Development through trainings and workshops (Bi-annually)
- Off-site visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture (June)
- Christian Education Forum and Fundraiser
- Off-site Amusement Park Trip

Christian Education: 2017 Goals:

- Christ-Centered Learning Environment and Foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11)
- Biblically Based Teaching (2 Timothy 2:15)
- Biblically Sound and Grounded Students (Psalm 119:11)
- Discipleship-Focused Salvation (John 3:16)

Christian Education: Sunday School





Communication - 2016 Highlights

- Provided publicity, graphics, social media posts and photography assistance to all events of ministry.
- Created content and posted to website and social media sites.
- Created and distributed eBlasts every week in 2016.
- Launched new website.
- Worked with CCDC and community to expand CI presence and mission.

Sincere appreciation to our volunteer photographers and videographers who assist in documenting the Cathedral International story – Brother Donald Moore, Deacon Linda Pace, Brother Dave DuBois, Brother Craig Felder and Sister Janet Reynolds.

Media - 2016 Highlights

- Re-organize Media Dept. Organize to maximize audio visual support.
- Continue Media Production training and recruitment.
- Change from Streaming Faith to Live Stream for Sunday Worship Service



Information Technology - 2016 Highlights

- Dismantled all computers, printers and all electronic equipment at the Complex, 205 Smith Street for the move of all staff including Cathedral Community Development Corporation to the Family Life Enrichment Center Building.
- Planned, created and implemented a new computer network system for employees in both buildings, Family Life Enrichment Center and The Cathedral.
- The new network systems in both buildings call for ongoing troubleshooting and service.
- Monitored new Electronic Giving System and ACS On Demand.
- Acquired new domain names for Asbury Park, Plainfield and Spanish Church.
- Purchased and set up new iPads and kiosk for discipleship intake.

REACHING THE WORLD

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Communications – 2017 Goals

- Work with Information Technology and Media Productions to provide effective ways for congregation to connect to ministry activity.
- Make use of outside graphic design vendors.
- Continue publicized collaborations of Cathedral International and community.
- Continue upgrading website and launch official church app.
- Create a dedicated team of social media and email marketing volunteers to support Cathedral International with best practices, education, and training.

Information Technology - 2017 Goals

- Work with staff to update and expand content in Automated Mass Notification Call System.
- Assist Communications in launching Mobile App.
- Continue creating policy and procedures for Information Technology Office.
- Work with Communications and Media Productions to provide new Digital Signage Displays and kiosks in church lobby to connect congregation to ministry activity.
- Work to provide faster and more reliable Wi-Fi for all CI buildings.
- Provide security camera coverage for the Asbury Park location



2016 Highlights

Perth Amboy Campus

- Discipleship intake area relocated to former nursery (Peoples Suite to be dedicated in 2017)
- Facility preparation and relocation of Administrative and CCDC Offices temporary move from Hilliard Complex 205 Smith Street to Family Life Enrichment Center and Cathedral, 272 & 277 Madison Avenue
- Restore and repair structural damage including broken keystone coin to the front of Family Life Center – Phase I
- CALM Center reopened for Ministry Space and for CCDC Summer Enrichment Camp
- Campus Storage space built for Christian Education, Children's Production & Soup Kitchen

Asbury Park Campus

- Cathedral – Facelift for external pillars
- Community Cornerstone Complex –Hardwood floors installed in Episcopal quarters. Basement remediation project complete

2017 Goals

Perth Amboy Campus Cathedral

- Repair external structural damage and paint exterior of building
- Install new waterfall back wall
- Remove carpet and tile entire second floor atrium and bistro area
- Install new restroom stalls
- Install new pew seat cushions on main level

Donald Hilliard Community Affairs Complex

- Complete environmental cleaning
- Paint exterior of building

Youth Chapel/Former Cathedral Cafe

- Grand Re-Opening (cleanout, repairs, installations, code enforcement regulations)

Asbury Park Campus:

- Church: Install a new roof on church and steeple repairs. Repair and restore handicap ramp
- Complex: Internal and external repairs and painting (new roof, steps, install new exterior drains, install 20 new double hung windows, replace back siding, new kitchen cabinets and flooring)

THEODORE ELIAS



2016 Highlights

- Excellence in ministering to God through music
- Full-scale children's musical "I Am A Friend Of God"
- Cathedral Unity Choir established. Instrumental music program expanded
- Choir workshop and Christmas concert event with Bishop William Murphy

2017 Goals

- Encourage discipline, unity, and a sense of calling among choir members
- Work with the music directors at Asbury and Plainfield to develop their respective praise teams
- Develop the band and instrumental music program
- Nurture and enhance the boys choir into a regularly ministering ensemble

MIN. GUY HENRY



2016 Highlights

- Meet with the youth ministry once a month
- Ensure community service opportunities and partnerships
- Conduct Youth Empowerment weekend
- Work to set up Robotics partnership with Asbury Park National Society of Black Engineers
- Youth Winter Retreat

2017 Goals

- Youth Ministry Goals 2017
- Provide our Students with an overnight HBCU Tour

- Attend the Lott Carey conference for 2017
- Volunteer Recruitment – We are actively looking for volunteers to aid in the ministry
- Campus Interaction – We are looking to have a more active presence on the school campuses in your community.
- Salvation and Discipleship –Dependency on the Lord is what we are looking inseminate via our interactions, our group meetings, and the pilot programs that we launch this year.

2016 Highlights

- Received and responded to more 35,000 incoming calls, e-mails and website inquiries.
- Seamlessly relocated the Member Services office to the Family Life without any disruption in service.
- Made referrals and/or provided emergency financial assistance to members experiencing a financial crisis.
- Continued to serve as the “hub” of Cathedral International provide exceptional customer service to Managed and operated Cathedral’s 24 hour emergency hotline providing immediate response to reports of bereavements and critical illnesses
- Reviewed and responded to requests to volunteer, conducted volunteer orientations, and scheduled assignments.
- Via email, ensured that Cathedral’s Leadership Team was informed of bereavements, critical illnesses and other crucial information related to Cathedral International and its members.
- 16 Funerals and Repasts
- 10 Weddings
- 20 Baby Dedications
- 87 Baptisms



2017 Goals

- Recruit and organize a volunteer bereavement team to provide repast services (i.e., assign duties, set up, serve, clean up)
- Create and provide a limited supply of “Cathedral Cares” bi-weekly one page newsletters (at Member Services) listing infirmed, bereaved, engagements, new births, etc.
- Work with Discipleship and Leadership to follow up with all new members
- Continue updating membership information

Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels: 280 Meals

Weekly Community Give-Away: 500

Thanksgiving Give-Away: 500

Christmas Give-Away Toys: 1000

Soup Kitchen – Perth Amboy: 5800

Street Evangelism – All Locations

Back To School Give-Away: 450

Educare Scholarships: \$15,000



On June 4, 2016, the membership gathered with our Senior Pastor, Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr. to dedicate and plant the vegetables in the Cathedral International Garden at 33 Brickyard Road, Cranbury, NJ. Bishop Hilliard told us that God had said we are to “work the land and planting the garden was Phase I.” We had a wonderful morning of praying and planting vegetables.

A group of 2 to 7 members continued to work in the garden 3 to 4 days a week for 3 to 4 hours per day until November 3, 2016. We would weed, cultivate, water and harvest the vegetables. We praise God for favor in the planting, and reaping a magnificent harvest of tomatoes, cucumbers, summer squash, zucchini, string beans, bell peppers, banana peppers, jalapeno peppers, eggplants, carrots, radishes, beets, collard greens, kale, and watermelons. We would like to give a special thank you to those who came out faithfully and worked in the garden: The Rev., Mother Beverly Turner-Riley, Jessica Riley, Barbara Portee, Beverly Norvell, Kakila Hunter, Gwen Watkins, Kim Hale and daughters, Minister Sentheia McLoud, Mother Sharon Benjamin, Patricia Jones, Ruben Phoenix, Elder Charles and Mother Shirley Davis, Pastor William and Mother Ida Barlow, Pastor Larry McCullum, Elder Doretha Sims, Janet Reynolds, Mother Patricia Chapman. The dedication of our staff members (Pastor Michael Leach, Brother Quinton Fields, Deacon Lisa Marie Richardson, Deacon Shirley Brooks, Deacon Richard Ousley, Deacon Andrew Largie, Pastor Joshua Smith and Lauren Chambliss Hernandez) along with our farmer Mr. Skeeba helped us to make it all happen.

We were able to distribute the vegetables to the Cathedral International congregation in all three locations and give to the Soup Kitchen. We have started planning for this years, 2017 garden. We will be looking for a lot of volunteers to help with cleaning, planting, cultivating, weeding and harvesting. *Submitted by Rev. Mother Iona Jenkins*



MINISTRY IN ACTION





SENIOR PASTOR

The Most Reverend Donald Hilliard, Jr.
PASTORAL STAFF
The Reverend Phyllis Thompson Hilliard
The Reverend William Barlow
The Reverend Henry Rodgers, Sr.
The Reverend Robert Mann
The Reverend Abraham Alston, Jr.
The Reverend Michael Wilkerson Leach
The Reverend Deniece Reid
The Reverend Danielle L. Brown
The Reverend Larry D. McCullum
The Reverend Kevin Smallwood
The Reverend Amir Ballard
The Reverend Vivian Thomas McClain
The Reverend Esteban Santana
The Reverend Catherine Griggs

DEACONS

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Deacon Tonya Ballard
Deacon Joseph Bergen
Deacon Sheila Bergen
Deacon Shirley Brooks
Deacon John Broughton
Deacon Antoinette Brown
Deacon Jessie Brown
Deacon Gale Byers
Deacon Martina Cephus
Deacon Beverly Chrisp
Deacon JoAnneChristopher-Mitchell
Deacon Ernest Coard
Deacon Jerry Coleman
Deacon Diane Crawford
Deacon Patricia Crews Hyman
Deacon Anthony Culpepper
Deacon Stephanie Culpepper
Deacon Evelyn Davis
Deacon Jacquelyn Davis
Deacon Leroy Davis
Deacon Hope DuBois
Deacon Corliss Easton
Deacon Philip Easton
Deacon Alex Edache
Deacon Ernest Edwards
Deacon Jacquette Edwards
Deacon Tarine Fairman
Deacon Arnold Gadson
Deacon Valerie Gadson
Deacon Maria Garcia
Deacon Rebecca Garrett
Deacon James Gibbons
Deacon Derrick Guest
Deacon Benjamin Henry
Deacon David Henry
Deacon Kim Hodges
Deacon Juana Kearney
Deacon Elliott Jenkins
Deacon Renee Jenkins
Deacon Richard Johnson
Deacon Cynthia Jordan

ELDERS

Elder Randall Benjamin
Elder Charles Davis
Elder, The Rev. Steven Deaver
Elder Harvey Lockley
Elder Phillip Merriweather
Elder Curtis Moreland
Elder, The Rev. Dawn Rivers
Elder Doretha Sims
Elder, The Rev. Kyra Smith
Elder Dwayne Trawick
Elder Alex Wallace

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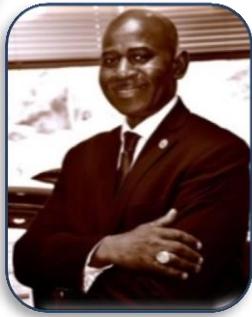
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Minister Margaret Robinson
The Reverend Renee Sims
Minister Justin White

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Mother Alma Barlow
Mother, Minister Ida M. Barlow
Mother, Minister Sharon Benjamin
Mother Barbara C. Brown
Mother Bessie Brown
Mother Patricia Chapman
The Late Mother Beatrice Davis
Mother Shirley Davis
Mother Mary Gordon
Mother Marline Grant
Mother Janice Hunter
The Rev. Mother Iona Jenkins
Mother Ceretta Jiles
Mother Geraldine Johnson
Mother Bernice Jones
Mother Joyce Leach
Mother Susie McKnight
Mother Millie Mitchell
The Very Rev. Juanita Pettis
Mother Barbara Rodgers
Mother, Minister Pinkie Rodgers
Mother Ruth Scott
Mother Natalie Smith
Mother Marion Thomas
Mother Brenda Woods
Mother Fannie Wyatt

Cathedral Community Development Corporation - 2016 Highlights

It was approximately 18 years ago when I came to the Historic Second Baptist Church, now The Cathedral International. Our Community Development Corporation (CDC) had already achieved monumental heights within the City of Perth Amboy and State of New Jersey. Immediately, I knew that God wanted me to serve and give my developed skill sets in this branch of the ministry.



As destiny would have it, after many years have come and gone, I am still involved in our CDC. There is a truth found in Psalms 41 that I have based my entire leadership philosophy on when it comes to serving the least of these, "...God will help those who consider (look out for) the poor". I believe one of the reasons why this church have survived the Great Recession of 2008 is tied to what our CDC and it's faithful committed team does in the community.

I am grateful for another year of service as the Executive Director of the Cathedral Community Development and once again God has been faithful to us and we will be faithful to Him. We remember and honor the blessed legacy of the late, Minister Antonio Gardener who served as our chief financial advisor and consultant.

One songwriter says, "...Life is filled with swift transitions..." Currently, we are positioned to shift and transition this organization to new levels of effectiveness. Therefore, effective immediately, I am stepping down as Executive Director to give my support and mentorship to a fresh new leader to guide the CCDC to its next level. I have confirmed Tina Adams who is a Blackbelt Certified Director at Johnson & Johnson Company to become our new CCDC Executive Director. I will continue to serve in my role as Vice President of the Board and Mentor Advisor.

In my closing, I want to thank Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr. for the vote of confidence in me to serve his vision for such a long tenure. I want to publicly thank Damaris Ramirez and Deacon Juana Kearny for their commitment to this work. And finally, if you would like to share your talent, time or treasure with the CCDC simply contact our office.

Always serving in Love,

The Reverend Steven Excel Deaver

Cathedral Community Counseling Center - 2016 Highlights

The Cathedral Community Counseling Center continues to provide professional and pastoral counseling services to individuals, couples and families. clinical supervised internships were provided for Monmouth University masters of social work student and Pillar College undergraduate counseling major student. In March 2016, a fundraiser luncheon was sponsored by Cathedral Encouragement Ministry. Special Holiday Grief and Depression Seminars were conducted during the holiday season. Most recently, the following four monthly "share and care" support groups: mental health in the family, loss and grief share, caregivers in the family, and blended family parenting are conducted for church and community. Additional support groups, creative counseling, staff and financial growth/support endeavors will continue to unfold throughout the year. A fundraiser conference and 20th year celebration service will occur in the near future. January 2017, marked 20 years of service for our counseling center. **To God Be The Glory!** Rev. Dr. Deniece Reid





Damaris Ramirez and Juana Kearny

Cathedral Community CHOSSE Program - 2016 Highlights:

- Cathedral CDC 2016 Summer Enrichment Camp/Program
 - We serviced 21 children from the ages of 5 to 13 years of age
 - Employed four (four teachers, security guard, coordinator) and 3 volunteers
 - Curriculum included: Arts & Crafts, Tutoring, Educational Trips, and Fun Games

Damaris Ramirez and Juana Kearny

- Point – In – Time/January 2016
 - Project Homeless Connect Services
 - Location: Family Life Enrichment Center Building
 - NJ Counts 2016 Point In Time Surveys
 - Serviced over 450 counted homeless in the Perth Amboy area
 - Fed over 500 people during Point – In – Time
- Holiday meals for our clients in community 2016
 - Serve Thanksgiving dinner to 350 persons in November
 - Serve Christmas dinner for 550 persons in December
 - Gave away 950 coats to clients during our Christmas Dinner
 - Gave away over 300 scarves, hats, gloves and over 125 blankets
- Sanction Outreach Program
 - Outreach: Phone calls + Home visits = 3450 sanction clients
- In-House received/returned Phone calls/2016
 - 1200 Phone calls
- Fundraiser 2016
 - Jolin Food Boxes Sold :1050 Boxes
- Mercy House
 - Served 450 persons per month= 350 families per month
- **SCHOOL BAGS AND SUPPLY GIVEAWAY IN Sept. gave away 450 bags**
Gave away 350 turkey baskets, including to Wiltenz School, Perth Amboy High School students and their families
- We Care Perth Amboy Coalition
 - Partner with five Food Pantries and one Soup Kitchen
 - Meetings every two months
- We partnered with Jewish Renaissance and their Americorp program where we hosted 5 volunteers to help here at CDC
- Participated in various activities with Mayor Wilda Diaz, Woman's breakfast in the month of March, Family fun day, Night Out, Domestic Violence event in October.
- Summer Enrichment Program- serviced 21 children from the ages of 5 to 13 years of age. Employed 2 teachers, a security guard, program coordinator and four volunteers. Arts & Crafts, Tutoring, Educational Trips and Fun Games.
- Point – In – Time/January 2015-Project Homeless Connect Services, serviced over 200 counted homeless in the Perth Amboy area. Fed over 300 people during Point- In- Time
- Mercy House -Community Food Bank of New Jersey served 350 people per month = 275 families
- New Jersey Shares Agency – Utilities & American Water, applied 23 families /13 approved
- Partnerships with Shop Rite/Perth Amboy, Pathmark (Closed Nov. 2015) BJ's, Wakefern Warehouse

OUTREACH IN ACTION



IN MEMORY OF OUR MEMBERS



Nancy Marie Smith
March 20, 1930 – March 16, 2016



Annette Bethea
January 3, 1960 – April 5, 2016



Vincent Jiles
December 19, 1960 – June 1, 2016



L. Mary Brown
March 18, 1931 – June 9, 2016



Caridad Yvette Rodriguez
September 10, 1967 – July 10, 2016



Lawrence Merriweather, Jr.
December 31, 1955 – October 4, 2016



Minister Antonio Riccardo Gardner
June 18, 1957 – December 6, 2016



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