



WALKER for Bishop 2024

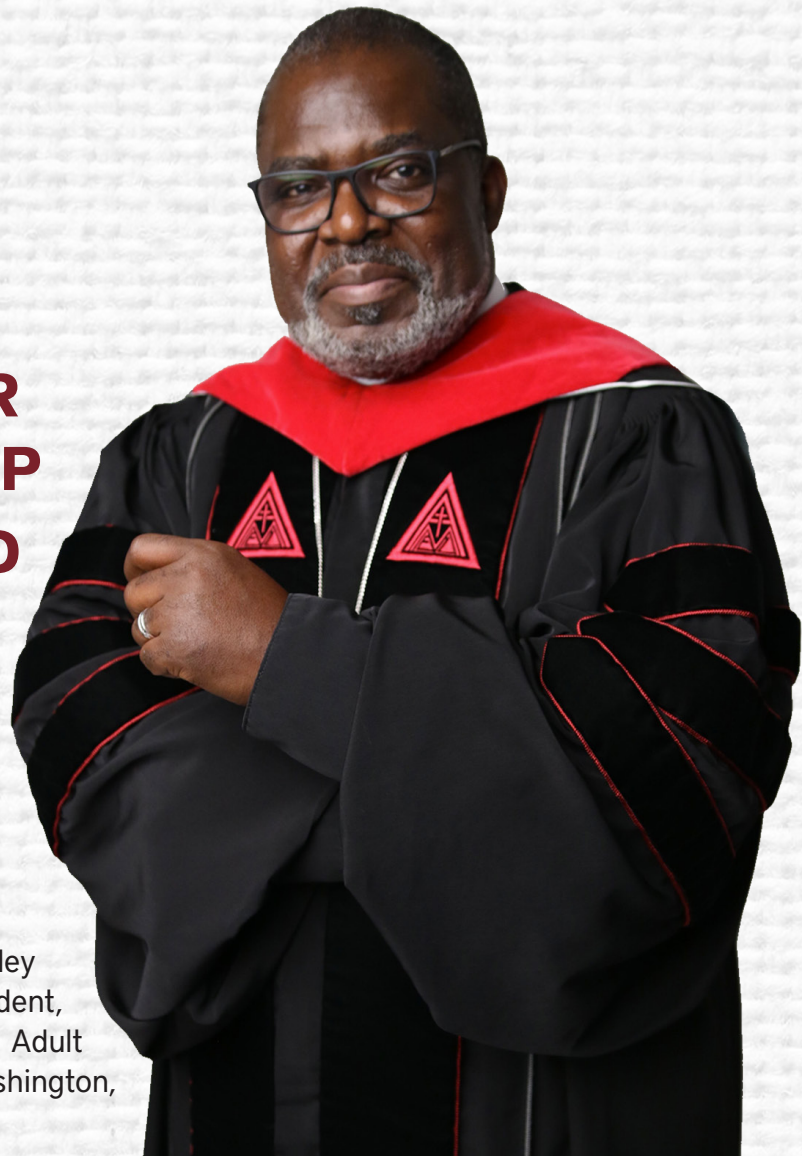
DR. DWAYNE A. WALKER CANDIDATE FOR BISHOP ZION BORN | ZION BRED

Rev. Dr. Dwayne Anthony Walker was born in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He later moved with his family to Chicago, Illinois, where he received his early education in the Chicago Public Schools. He is a graduate of Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina where he received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science.

After accepting the call to preach, he enrolled at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. While a student, he served as Assistant Pastor for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church in Washington, D.C.

He received the Master of Divinity Degree in 1989 and in June that year, he was appointed Pastor of Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church in Detroit, Michigan. In November of 1994, Dr. Walker was appointed to serve as Pastor of Jones Tabernacle A.M.E. Zion Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. In addition to serving as Pastor of Jones Tabernacle, Dr. Walker served as Administrator of Kuumba Horizons Child Development Center. He was also a member of the board of Celebration of Hope, member of the board of Volunteers of America and a member of the Advisory Board of United Negro College Fund. In May 2004, Dr. Walker received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.

In September of 2005, he was appointed as pastor of Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. Dr. Walker currently serves as a member of The Board of Trustees of Livingstone College, The Board of Dorothy Walls Conference and Retreat Center, member of The Black Political Caucus, The NAACP, the Chairman of the Little Rock Community Development Corporation, a former member of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission and Vice Chair of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee.



Since Dr. Dwayne A. Walker's appointment as the pastor in 2005, some ways in which the Little Rock Church has advanced include and he has served Zion include:

- ▣ Restructured and modified the Class Leader System for greater impact to serve the congregation.
- ▣ The Little Rock Logo/Brand was developed, making the church recognizable worldwide.
- ▣ Purchased and burned the mortgage of the former Little Rock Church building, expanding the footprint of Zion in the prime location of uptown Charlotte.
- ▣ Founded the Little Rock Community Development Corporation.
- ▣ Serves the AME Zion Church including successfully hosting the AME Zion General Conference in 2012.
- ▣ Served as a delegate to the World Methodist Council in Seoul, Korea and London, England.
- ▣ Served on the National Council of Churches Justice Committee.
- ▣ Serves on the Connectional Budget Board as well as the Executive Committee of the Connectional Budget Board.
- ▣ Serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Livingstone College.
- ▣ Became the "Face and Voice of Zion" during the Black Lives Matter civil unrest against racial and social injustice rallies, leading protests and being interviewed locally as well as by commercial and cable news reporters.
- ▣ Hosted many local, state and national leaders, including Secretary Hillary R. Clinton, Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Governor Roy Cooper, etc, while establishing Little Rock as the leader in a wide diaspora of humankind.
- ▣ Established the C.D. Rippey Scholarship Fund.
- ▣ Initiated the Little Rock Excellence in Ministry Radio Broadcast on Praise 100.9.
- ▣ Negotiated opportunities to generate revenue opportunities to increase cash flow for sustainable ministry.
- ▣ Strongly advocated for affordable housing in Charlotte resulting in the city granting Little Rock Community Development Corporation the land adjacent to the current Little Rock structures and parking to build a 105 unit apartment building with 50% designated for affordable housing. This is a tremendous footprint of Zion in this major metropolitan city, a \$15 million dollar project adding value without adding debt.
- ▣ Little Rock now has more than 60 ministries and is open daily for member growth and development and community service.
- ▣ Church attendance continues to increase and the membership continues to grow.



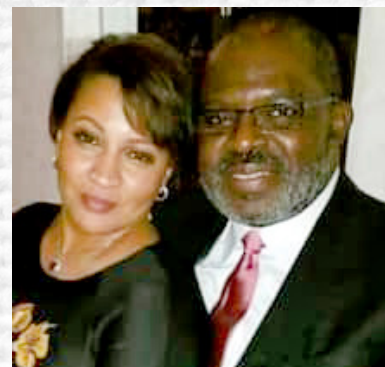
Growth of a Healthy Church is exemplified at Little Rock through the "Excellence in Ministry" mantra, where God is Glorified, Jesus is Magnified, the People are Edified, Faith is Fortified and Ministry is Multiplied.

GLOBAL MISSIONS EXPERIENCE

Dr. Dwayne Anthony Walker was a part of a delegation of The Mid West Episcopal District who traveled with Bishop Enoch B. Rochester to South Africa and Malawi, Central Africa in 1997. He was also a member of the Delegation to The World Methodist Council in Seoul, Korea in 2006. He was a part of The

AME Zion Delegation that traveled to London, England in 2013 for The World Methodist Council. As an active participant in AME Zion Conferences, Dr. Walker has traveled to our work in Jamaica both in Montego Bay and Kingston at least the past 15 years.

“I believe that our global witness must remain a priority to our Church. We should do all that we can to ensure that our churches are equipped with resources that will enhance the spiritual growth and development of those who are members of The AME Zion Church all over the world in any way we are able.” Dr. Dwayne Anthony Walker.



EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- ▣ BA in Political Science, 1984 Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC
- ▣ Master of Divinity Degree, 1989 Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
- ▣ Doctor of Ministry Degree, 2004 Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC

FAMILY INFORMATION

Dr. Walker is the son of Retired Bishop and Mrs. George W.C. Walker, Sr. He was married to the late Geneva T. Moore Walker who God welcomed Mrs. Walker home a few years ago. He is the proud father of four beautiful daughters, DeAndra, Dana, Daivene and Deborah. Dr. Walker has one grandson Dylan Amir and two granddaughters, Meliya Geneva and Aila Elise.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

- Dr. J. Ruth Davis-Shields, National Co-Chairperson
- Dr. Charles F. Tillet, National Co-Chairperson
- Rev. Mark Anthoni Thomas, National Campaign Manager
- Mr. Ervin Reid, National Fundraising Chairman
- Rev. Belinda Austin, Local Committee Chairperson



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VISION FOR OFFICE

“My Calling To Fulfill”

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am pleased to offer this statement as I apply to become a candidate for Bishop in the AME Zion Church during the upcoming General Conference in 2024.

The Church of Jesus Christ is the greatest and most powerful entity in the entire world! It is so not because of the prominence of any one denomination or personality, but it is so because it is the only entity that was established by God Himself through the proclamation and the shedding of blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. While in Caesarea Philippi, Jesus declared that on the confession of Peter, “on this rock I will build MY Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it...and I will give you the keys to the Kingdom...that whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:13-19). Jesus further instructs His disciples to “Go into all the world and make Disciples of every creature” (Matthew 28:19).



I am absolutely persuaded that God is calling His Church to be deliberate about being the Church. We have lost significant ground. The majority of the culture is not looking to the Church to address and provide spiritual and moral guidance to the world, we must conclude that The Church has a responsibility to regain the position of speaking truth to power and providing spiritual leadership to those we are called to serve.



I praise God that He has used me through my ministry, to share with the congregations and communities I have been privileged to pastor, the message of salvation. This message not only prepares us for Heaven, but also holistically equips and empowers those we serve, to embrace God’s purpose and plan for their individual lives, which will profoundly impact The Church, and ultimately the world.



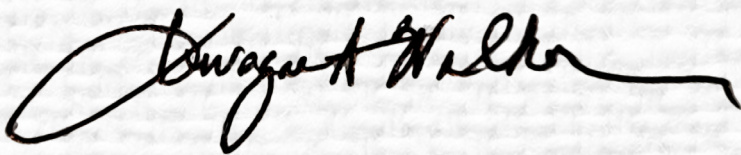
I would love an opportunity to expand my ministry to the local church to the Connectional Church. I would like to join our bishops to provide leadership to our denomination as well as assist our Zion witness to positively and powerfully impact the world. In times like these, the ministry of the “Freedom Church”

is needed to address the political climate and the social ills of our day. There seems to be a deliberate attempt to rescind the progress of our ancestors who gave their lives for the cause of freedom, justice and equality.

The A.M.E. Zion Church is the Church of my birth, as well as the Church of my choice. I lovingly embrace the legacy bequeathed to me by my ancestors who for generations served this church, as well as the ministry of my parents, Bishop and Mrs. George and Geraldine Walker. I am grateful for the progress God has allowed me to experience in the three churches I have been privileged to pastor: Metropolitan, Detroit, Michigan; Jones Tabernacle, Indianapolis, Indiana and now Little Rock, Charlotte, North Carolina. Each of these congregations were in some form of distress for various reasons when I arrived to pastor. I praise God that He has given me a vision for the local church called "Excellence in Ministry". This vision has been embraced by each congregation and enabled them to become healthier in every aspect. Each church grew spiritually, numerically and physically. I believe this model of ministry is one that can be utilized in every context of our church. It will produce healthy churches that will positively and powerfully impact a sick world.

I look forward to the opportunity to share my passion for The Church and her mission with all of those I will be blessed to encounter on this journey toward episcopal service.

Humbly submitted,



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