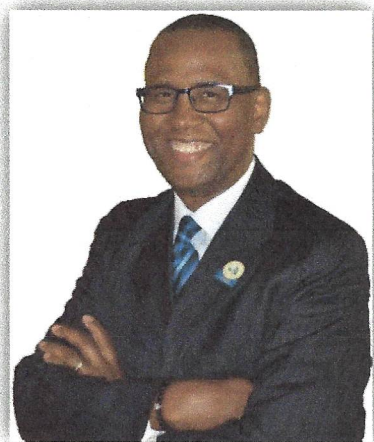


Reverend Dr. Louis Forsythe, II

Pastor • Teacher • Shepherd



Dr. Louis Forsythe, II graduated from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. In June 1976, Dr. Odell Jones asked Dr. Forsythe to serve as Pleasant Grove Baptist Church's first full time Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry. After much prayer and deliberation, Dr. Forsythe accepted the position and served for 5 years. In June 1981, Dr. Forsythe resigned as Director of Christian Education to further his preparation of Christian Ministry. Pastor Forsythe matriculated for four years, earning a Master of Divinity in Christian Education at the Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary in May of 1985.

Under the Pastorate of the late Dr. Odell Jones, Dr. Forsythe was licensed to the gospel ministry and ordained. During his 40 years in the gospel ministry, Pastor Forsythe has served as the Baptist Student Union Director at Wayne State University and the University of Detroit. He has also served as Associate Minister at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. He was appointed to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as a Mission Associate to the Missouri Baptist Convention. He also served as Associate Pastor and Minister of Christian Education at the Central Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

From 1993 to 2002, he served as the Assistant Pastor and Minister of Christian Education at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. Pastor Forsythe formally served as Chairman of the Board for Juvenile Assessment Center of Wayne County, and Chairman of the Board for the Black United Fund of Michigan. He is also a former board member of Michigan United and is the Second-Vice Moderator of the Metropolitan Baptist District Association. He currently serves on the board of Developing Detroit Differently [D-4]. He received an Honorary Doctorate Degree in 2003 from Arkansas Baptist College. In 2007, he earned the Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. His doctoral thesis was titled: ***Prophetic Ministry in the Postmodern Church: Using Spiritual Formation to Engage African-American GenXers in Transformative Ministry.***

Dr. Forsythe has a passionate interest in Postmodernity Generations and how to reach and engage them in an ever-changing culture.

Pastor Forsythe and his wife Jacqueline have been married for 47 years. They are blessed to have as their family Cara, Shannon, Matthew, his wife Ayanna and three grandchildren, Caleb, Shiloh and Jordan.

Pastor Forsythe has served as pastor of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan for 21 years.