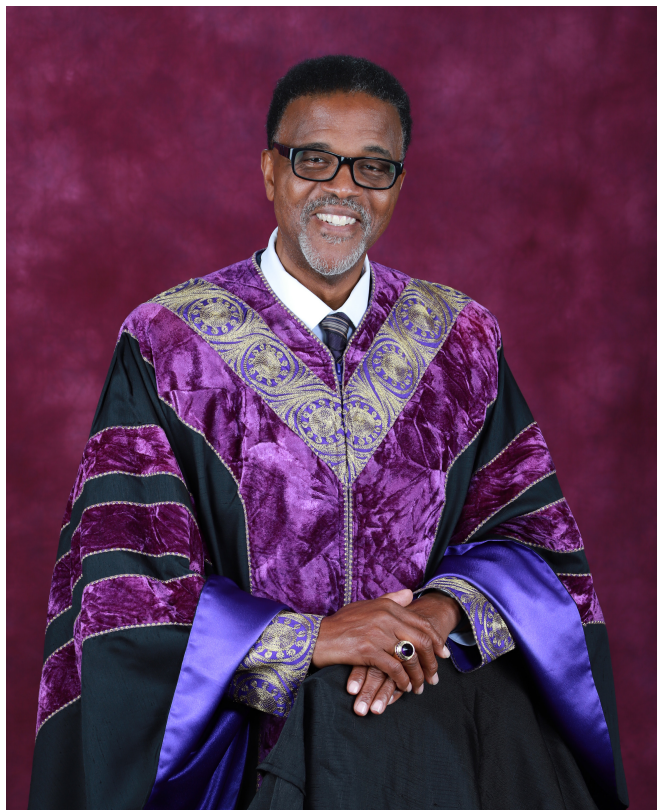


BIOGRAPHY OF BISHOP GREGORY VAUGHN EASON, SR.



The Right Reverend Gregory Vaughn Eason, Sr., was born in Metter, Ga., and is the son of Reverend William and Mrs. Geneva Washington Eason. He graduated from East Georgia State College in Swainsboro, Georgia in 1981 with an Associate of Arts Degree. He matriculated at Morris Brown College, in Atlanta, Georgia in 1983 (where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Political Science). He continued his education and was conferred the Master of Divinity degree from Turner Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA., in 1986. He received his Master of Theology degree from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA., in 1988, where his thesis was titled, "Suffering, Liberation and Violence: A Study of God's Presence in the History of Black America." Bishop Eason received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in May 2011. His project dissertation was titled, "Radical Hospitality, Re-envisioning a Downtown Historic Congregation."

Bishop Eason's denominational service in the A.M.E. Church includes President, Connectional Council for the A.M.E. Church; Vice Chairperson, Trustee Board Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference; Chairperson, Search Committee for President/Dean, Turner Theological Seminary, ITC; Chairperson, Georgia Annual

Conference Board of Examiners; and Chairperson, Atlanta North Georgia Annual Conference Board of Examiners, where he was responsible for training new ministers for ordination in the A.M.E. Church.

Bishop Eason serves on the following boards: The World Methodist Evangelism Institute; Morris Brown College Trustee Board (Emeritus), and the Trustee Board of Turner Theological Seminary.

Bishop Eason's pastoral ministry in the 6th Episcopal District (Georgia) started at Saint Mark, Wadley and Hickman Tabernacle in Augusta, Ga (1984-1986); Saint James, Thomson (1986-1988); Saint James, Monticello (1988-1990); Saint Philip, Savannah (1990-2004); Flipper Temple, Atlanta (2004-2005); Big Bethel, Atlanta (2005-2013); Saint Paul, Atlanta (2013-2016) and Flipper Temple A.M.E. Church in Atlanta (2016-2024).

He has contributed to several publications and productions. Among his writings and published works are, "Looking at AIDS Through the Eyes of God" (A.M.E. Church Review, 1990); "Dreams and Nightmares" (A.M.E. Church Review, 1995); Evidence of Transformative Ministry (A.M.E. Church Review, 2012); "A Small Boy with a Big Fish," an article in the African American Study Bible, and a joint venture of The Congress of National Black Churches and Zondervan Publishing House. He has also served as a commentator for "This Far by Faith: African American Spiritual Journeys," a joint production of Blackside, Inc. and the Faith Project, which aired on PBS Television.

Bishop Eason has been bestowed many honors including being inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Board of Preachers at Morehouse College; a member of The International Society of Theta Phi, ITC; The Bishop Henry McNeal Turner Image Award for Outstanding Community Service and Hall of Fame, Turner Theological Seminary; and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

At the 52nd Quadrennial Session of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in August 2024, he was elected and consecrated the 148th Bishop in the history of the A.M.E. Church. Bishop Eason currently serves as the Presiding Prelate of the 20th Episcopal District encompassing Malawi, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda and a portion of Mozambique. He presides over 7 annual conferences, 238 churches and 33 schools (primary, secondary and high schools). Bishop Eason was also nominated to serve as Chairperson of the International Health Commission of the A.M.E. Church.

Bishop Eason is the husband of Mrs. Linda Tyson Eason. They are the blessed parents of the late Carmen Jovonne Eason and Gregory Vaughn Eason, Jr. and their daughter in love Kimberly Delk Eason and their granddaughter Kimberly Eason, Jr. (Junie).