

1971 to 1974

Bethel AME Church
Fall River, MA



1974 to 1978

Bethel AME Church
Greenwich, CT



1978 to 2008

Bethel AME Church
Hartford / Bloomfield, CT



2008 to 2013

Presiding Elder

Brooklyn / Westchester, NY

Bridge Street A.M.E. Church-Brooklyn
Macedonia A.M.E. Church-Flushing

People's Institutional A.M.E. Church-Brooklyn

Bethel Tabernacle A.M.E. Church-Brooklyn

Calvary Fellowship A.M.E. Church-Brooklyn

Allen Memorial A.M.E. Church-Brooklyn

Mount Carmel A.M.E. Church-New Rochelle

Saint John A.M.E. Church-Brooklyn

Allen A.M.E. Church-White Plains

Union A.M.E. Church-Warwick

Allen Temple A.M.E. Church-Mt. Vernon

Emanuel A.M.E. Church-New Rochelle

Bethany A.M.E. Church-Yonkers

Saint Paul A.M.E. Church-Brooklyn

Greater Saint James A.M.E. Church-Brooklyn

Emanuel A.M.E. Church-Tuckahoe

Mount Carmel A.M.E. Church-Brooklyn



2013 to 2019

Grant AME Church
Boston, MA



Reverend Dr. Alvan N. Johnson, Jr.

A Worship Service: Celebrating 50 years of service

Saturday July 13th, 2019 ~ 2:00p.m.

Guest Preacher: Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram

Worship Leader: Presiding Elder Jocelyn K. Hart-Lovelace

Host Pastor: Reverend Daylan K. Greer, Sr.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
1154 Blue Hills Avenue Bloomfield, CT 06002



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NOTES:



O Msindisi ~ Hymn No. 65

Ndi - kho - ke - le, O Je - ho - va, Ndin - gum -
Un - a - mand - la an - din - a - wo O - no -

Refrain

ham - bi Nko - si yam. O - msin - di - si, O - msin - di -
but - ha tha - ka ndim.

si Ngu - we - o - li kha - ka lam.



Bless, O Lord, Our Country Prayer for Africa

English Bless, O Lord, our coun-try, Af-ri-ca, so that she may wak-en
Swahili Bwa-na, i-ba-ri-ki Af-ri-ka, i-li-i-pa-te...
Zulu Nko-si si-kel-el' i Af-ri-ka, mal-u-pa-kam' u-pon-

from her sleep. Fill her horn with plen-ty, guide her feet.
ku-am-ka. Ma-om-bi ye ta ya - si - ki - lel.
do-lway-o; yi-va im-i-tan-da - zo ye-tu.

Hear us, Faith-ful One. Hear us, Faith-ful One.
U-tu ba-ri-ki. U-tu ba-ri-ki.
U-si si-kel-el-e. U-si si-kel-el-e.

Spir-it, de-scend, Spir-it, Spir-it; Spir-it, de-scend, Spir-it, Spir-it;
U-je Ro-ho, U-je, U-je; U-je Ro-ho, U-je, U-je;
Yih-la Moy-a, Yih-la Mo-ya; Yih-la Moy-a; Yih-la Mo-ya;

Spir-it, de-scend. Spir-it, de-scend, Spir-it di-vine.
U-je Ro-ho. U-je Ro-ho. U-tu ja-ze.
Yih-la Moy-a. Oy ing cwel - e.

My Faith Looks Up To Thee ~ Hymn No. 415

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal-va-ry,
2. May Thy rich grace im-part Strength to my faint-ing heart,
3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a-round me spread,
4. When ends life's tran-sient dream, When death's cold, sul-len stream

Sav-ior di-vine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
My zeal in-spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark-ness turn to day, Wipe sor-row's
Shall o'er me roll; Blest Sav-ior, then, in love, Fear and dis-

guilt a-way, O let me from this day Be whol-ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv-ing fire!
tears a-way, Nor let me ev-er stray From Thee a-side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a-bove, A ran-somed soul! A-men.

Reverend Dr. Alvan N. Johnson, Jr.

For fifty years, there has been a virtually synonymous and inseparable relationship between the ministries of the New England Annual Conference and the Reverend Dr. Alvan Nathaniel Johnson, Jr. A son of the conference, whose call was heard and was birthed right here from this very pulpit, Reverend Dr. Johnson's Preaching profession, over the past half century, has flawlessly flourished and immeasurably increased throughout the four corners of our conference.

While New England Conference claims him as her own, the truth is that Dr. Johnson is admired, adored and appreciated unmistakably across African Methodism. His incomparable commitment and contributions are well-considered across the connection, his deeds are undeniably denoted across our denomination and his zeal is celebrated across our Zion. As a caring pastor to his parishioners, a copious preacher in season and out and an uncompromising prophet for true social justice, Reverend Dr. Johnson has been a true descendant of Richard Allen.

He has mentored many ministers – surpassing forty. He has forged firm friendships that have endlessly endured. He has protected and guarded the people of God as an untiringly loving under-shepherd with a huge heart.

Holding many degrees including his earned doctorate from Boston University, Reverend Dr. Johnson has also completed studies from Oxford University in England and has served on the faculty as a visiting professor and/or guest lecturer at several renown institutions of higher education around the globe such as in Canada, Ghana, Germany, Great Britain, Togo, Dahomey, Ivory Coast, Poland, Brussels, Zambia, Russia and Jamaica. Alvan Johnson, you have personally taken to heart The LORD's commandment by becoming that willing and weariless witness for Jesus in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

You are well-loved Dr. Johnson by all of us in this Annual Conference and beyond. We salute and applaud you on your superannuation. You have richly resourced our lives with your exceptional preaching, teaching and leading the flocks for these five decades. And as you are about to retire from the active pastorate, it is time for you to now do what you do best and what has become your brand – which is...to stay under the anointing (so that during this age of Trumpism) you may continue preaching the gospel to the poor, healing the brokenhearted, preaching deliverance to the captives, recovering the sight to the blind and setting at liberty, them that are bruised.

THE
FIRST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Congratulates

Reverend Dr. Alvan N. Johnson, Jr.

On your
RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

“...well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things,
I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

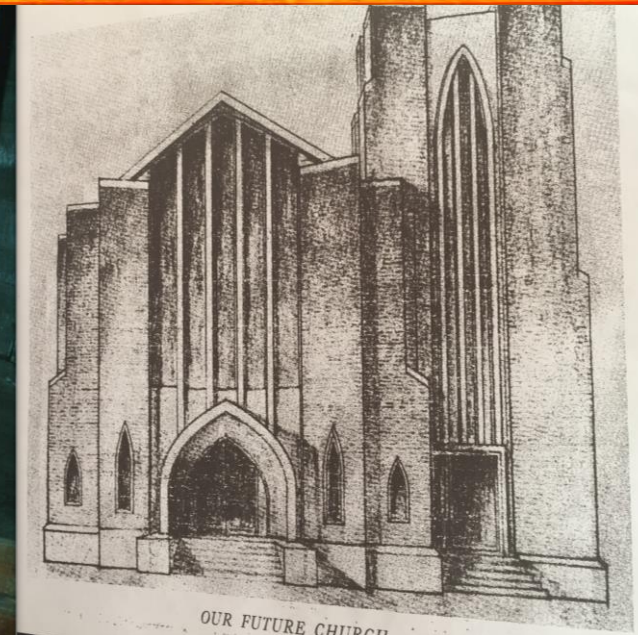
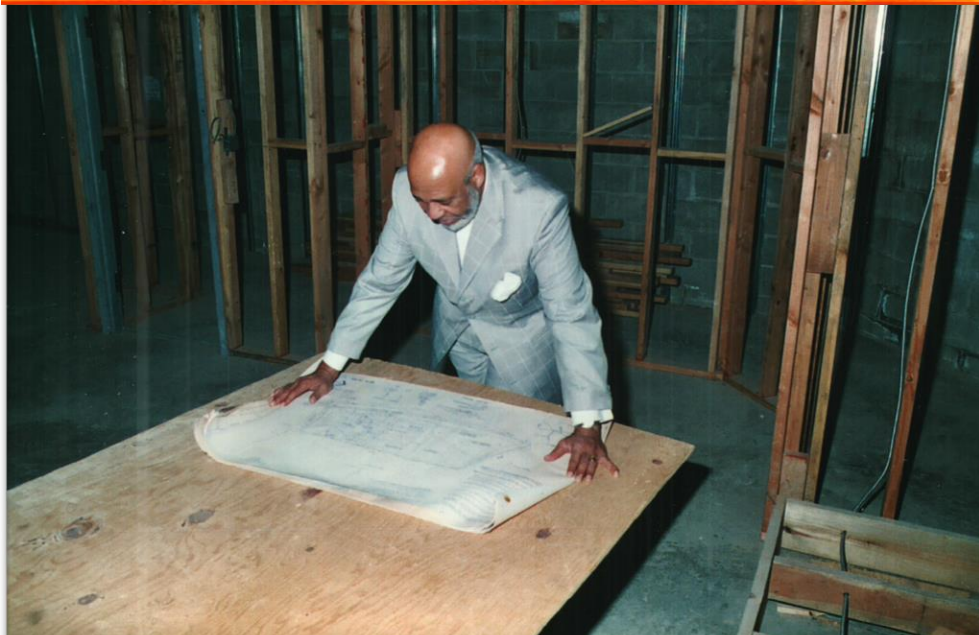
~Matthew 25:21



Final notes before
Commencement address

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Rev. C
shop R.A. C
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Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram
PRESIDING PRELATE
Reverend Dr. Jessica Kendall Ingram
EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR



Congratulations!

Reverend Dr. Alvan N. Johnson, Jr.
On Your
Retirement Celebration



Presiding Elder
Rev. Jocelyn K. Hart Lovelace



THE RETIREMENT CELEBRATION		
FOR THE REVEREND DOCTOR ALVAN N. JOHNSON, JR.		
JULY 13, 2019		
2:00p.m.		
WORSHIP SERVICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING		
Worship Leader: Presiding Elder Jocelyn Hart-Lovelace		
THE DRUM CALL	A Bubakar, Babafemi	
THE PROCESSIONAL	Acolytes, Liturgical Dancers, Children in Ministry	
	“The Lord of the Dance”	
THE CALL TO WORSHIP	Presiding Elder Jocelyn Hart-Lovelace	
Minister:	I will bless the Lord at all times; God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.	
People:	O Magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt God’s name together.	
Minister:	O give thanks to the Lord; call upon God’s name; make known God’s deed among the people.	
People:	Talk of God’s wonderful works, glory in God’s name.	
Together:	Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; before God’s presence with singing.	
THE HYMN OF PRAISE	“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”	
THE INVOCATION	Rev. Kymberley Clemons-Jones	
THE CHORAL RESPONSE	“Bless Oh Lord, Our Country Prayer for Africa”	
THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE		
The Hebrew Bible	Proverbs 3:1-6	Rev. Sharon Halliday
The Gospel	Luke 4:14-19	Rev. Stephen Sidorak
The Epistle	Galatians 5:1-5	Rev. Marcus McCullough
THE CHOIR SELECTION	The Combined Choirs	
	“Sanctus”	
THE OCCASION	Rev. Katherine Brooks	
THE WELCOME	Rev. Daylan Kendall Greer, Sr.	

THE GREETINGS AND TRIBUTES		
THE COLLEAGUES	Presiding Elder Herbert L. Eddy	
THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY	Bro. James Friedman	
THE HARTFORD SEMINARY	Bishop Benjamin Watts	
THE MASONIC FAMILY		
THE GREETINGS AND TRIBUTES		
THE CHILDREN IN MINISTRY	Rev. Melvin E. Wilson	
BETHEL-FALL RIVER, MA		
BETHEL-GREENWICH, CT		
BETHEL-BLOOMFIELD, CT	Bro. Ron Harris	
BROOKLYN/WESTCHESTER, NYC	Rev. Kevin Taylor	
GRANT, BOSTON, MA	Bro. Charles Pelote	
THE OMEGA PSI FRATERNITY		
THE “ANJ SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION”	Sis. Shirley C. Belcher	
THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE	Rev. Virginia Sanders	
THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Rev. Dr. Gregory Groover	
THE OFFERTORY	“Holy, Holy, Holy”	
THE PRESENTATION OF THE PREACHER	Rev. Ellis I. Washington	
THE SERMONIC SELECTION	“For Every Mountain”	The Combined Choir
	The Liturgical Dance Ministry of Grant AME Church	
THE MESSAGE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING	Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram	
THE PRESENTATION OF THE HONOREES		
THE HONOREES		
Sis. Darlene Reed	Sis. Jacqueline Wiggins	
SISTER BETTY J. JOHNSON	REV. DR. ALVAN N. JOHNSON, JR.	
THE PRAYER OF BLESSING AND THANKSGIVING	Rev. Pedro Castro	
THE CLOSING HYMN	“Let the Church Say Amen”	
THE BENEDICTION	Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram	
THE RECESSIONAL	“O Msindisi”	
	“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”	