

### **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF REVEREND DR. PERCY RANSOM**

Born July 16, 1945 in Green County, Georgia to Hillard and Katie Ransom. Family moved to Miami, Florida in 1952 where he attended Bethune Elementary, and Dorsey Junior High Schools. The family moved to West Hollywood, Florida in 1960, accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and baptized in 1962 at Gethsemane Baptist Church in West Hollywood, Fla. under the leadership of the late Rev. I. S. Clark. Graduated from Attucks High School Hollywood, Florida in June 1963.

After graduation enlisted in the U. S. Army, completing tour of duty March 1966 at Oakland, California; Honorable Discharged with the rank of Specialist 5<sup>th</sup> Class. Married, four children; Sherri, 1967, Shellie 1969, Shawn 1971, and Steven 1977. Attended Miami-Dade Community College, graduating with an A. A. Degree in Pre-Education.. Enrolled in Florida Atlantic University and later transferred to Florida International University, graduating December 14, 1974 with a B. A. Degree in Sociology/Psychology, and a minor in Business Administration and Management.

Continued graduate studies at Miami Christian College Graduate School, transferred to North Florida Baptist Theological Seminary Jacksonville, Fla.; graduated May 1991 with Master of Theology and Doctor of Ministry Degrees. Received from Jacksonville Baptist Theological Seminary Jacksonville, Fla. The Doctor of Theology in May 1996, and Doctor of Philosophy in, May 2002.

Ordained to the Deaconette at the Star Of Bethlehem Baptist Church West Hollywood, Fla. under the leadership of Rev. I W. Hepburn in 1969. Served as Sunday School Director, Church training Director, and Minister of Education, and licensed to preach in 1976. Ordained to the Gospel Ministry on January 24, 1982, at Metropolitan Baptist Church Miami, under the leadership of the late D. A. Morgan. Has served as Pastor of the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church Miami from its inception as a Mission of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in 1988 until the present time. Served on the Administrative committee of the Miami Baptist Association, and presently serving as Moderator. Served on the Committee on the order of bussiness and served as its chairman in 2002. He and wife Purnel reside in W. Palm Beach Fla.