



Dr. William C. Calhoun, an ordained Baptist minister originally from Frankfort, Kentucky is pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland. Rev. Calhoun is the 7th pastor of this historic 125 year post emancipation congregation. It was in 1974 that he was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. K. L. Moore. Upon his completion with a Master of Divinity from the School of Theology of Virginia Union University in Richmond, he was called to the pastorate of Trinity Baptist Church. In that same year he moved to Baltimore in July and in October married his dearest best friend and love of his life, the late Philathia Reese Calhoun of Richmond at the Moore Street Baptist Church. From this union they had one son William C. Calhoun, Jr.

Pastor Calhoun's introduction to ecumenical life and activity came when he was a teenager participating in the Frankfort United Youth Council in Kentucky. When his family moved in the 60's to Rantoul, Illinois he was a member of the First Baptist Church, an American Baptist Church. Besides serving as president of his local church youth group, he served as president of the American Baptist Youth, Great Rivers Region Area III. Upon his graduation from Rantoul High School in 1968, he matriculated at Judson University, Elgin, IL graduating with the highest honor award from that institution with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in music in 1971.

Among his ecumenical and interfaith activities in the Central Maryland area Dr. Calhoun has served as the President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (serving twice), an ecumenical, integrated federation of clergy women and men; Twice president of the Progressive Baptist Convention of Maryland; Vice president, chairperson Ecumenical Leaders Group (judicatory clergy leaders in the state of Maryland), representative from American Baptist Churches and Progressive National Baptist Convention to the Central Maryland Ecumenical Council; Professor of Urban Theology at the Ecumenical Institute of Theology St. Mary Seminary and University; National Council of Black Churches; Baltimoreans United In Leadership Development, IAF; and coordinator of Ecumenical Lenten Services.

Other achievements are: Rev. Calhoun earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Palmer Theological Seminary, Philadelphia in 1990; Producer and host of the Sunday

ecumenical television weekly *Lift Every Voice* portraying the diversity of worship in Black Churches on WMAR TV2 Baltimore, 1980 - 2002; Delivered homily at the Washington National Cathedral for Maryland State Day, January 2005; Chaplain of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and Dedication ground breaking of MLK monument. Finally, Dr. Calhoun is a gubernatorial appointee to the Maryland Transportation Authority Board and is senior member and chair of its capital committee.