



Delesta M. Hassell

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Rev. Delesta Mae Hassell - As a graduate of the White Plains Hospital School of Nursing, and a staff nurse at Lawrence Hospital, Bronxville, New York for fourteen years, Rev. Delesta Hassell saw to the physical needs of her brothers and sisters on this earth. Rev. Hassell answered the call to Christian Ministry and graduated from New York Theological Seminary. As the first woman licensed to preach the gospel on September 13, 1989 by the Macedonia Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, New York, Rev. Hassell saw to the spiritual needs of her brothers and sisters and was later ordained as a Baptist Minister under the leadership of Dr. Thomas A. Venable, Pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia. She served as an Associate Minister at Macedonia Baptist. She continued to expand her horizons as a matriculated student at the College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, New York and received an Associate in Science Degree from Tidewater Community College, Chesapeake, Virginia in May of 1993. She also graduated from Virginia Union School of Theology on May 1, 1987. Rev. Hassell has received numerous awards and recognitions to her credit, including a proclamation from the Westchester County Board of Legislators, Westchester New York, claiming April 26, 1985, Delesta Hassell Day to honor her outstanding efforts to see to both the spiritual and temporal needs of her fellow citizens. Rev. Hassell was a member of the Westchester Black Minister's Coalition, she served as Chaplain for the Westchester Prison Ministry. She was a member of the Tidewater Minister's Conference and currently serves as an Associate

Minister for the Fruit of the Spirit Missionary Baptist Church. She serves as an advisor on the Gateway House Transitional Housing Board of Trustees, in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Rev. Hassell has retired from profession and appointments, but she was committed to teaching and preaching the liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ as long as The Lord had allowed.

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“ *Rest on in peace Rev. D. Hassell*

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