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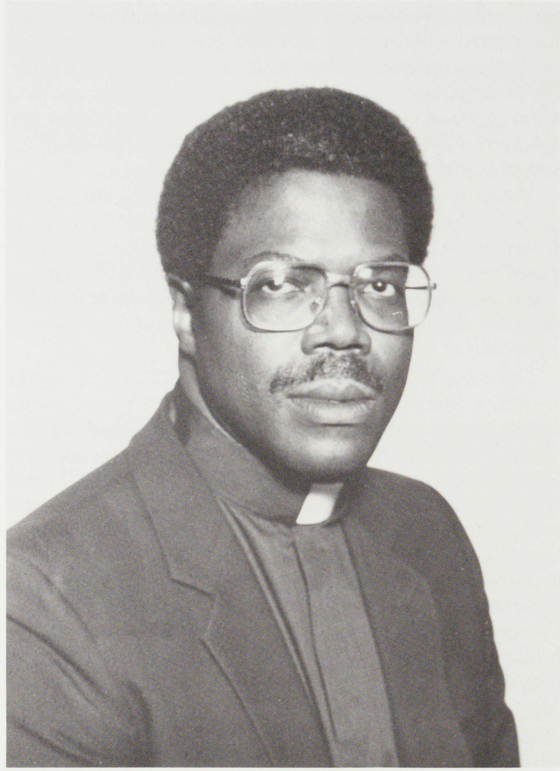
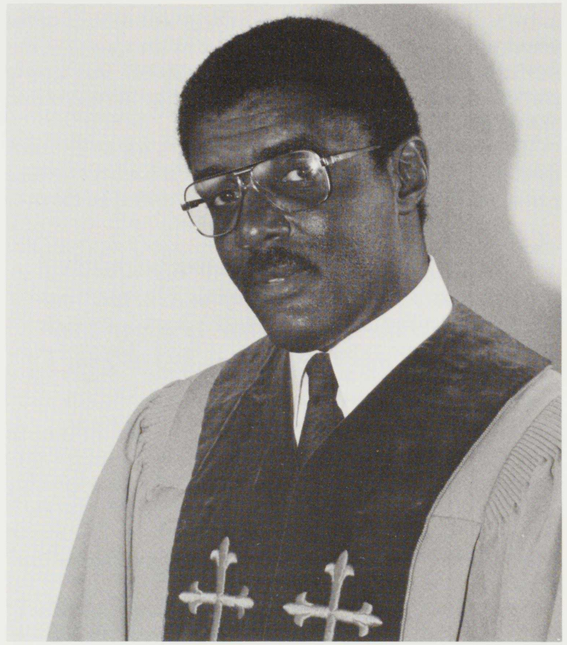


Rev. Nelson C Dukes, Jr.

Rev. Nelson C. Dukes, Jr. was ordained on May 31, 1985 by the United Missionary Baptist Association of Greater New York, and Vicinity, Rev. Dr. Hunson Greene, Moderator, at the Fountain Spring Baptist Church, 2011 Grand Concourse, Bronx, N.Y., Rev. Nelson C. Dukes, Sr., Pastor.

Recommendation had been made by Rev. Dr. David N. Licorish, who served as catechist to the candidate, to the Ordaining Council, Rev. Dr. Henry Grant Jones, President, to convene to examine Rev. Dukes, Jr.

After successful completion of the examination and upon unanimous recommendation of the Ordaining Council, Rev. Nelson C. Dukes, Jr. was ordained to the office of Assistant to the Pastor of the Fountain Spring Baptist Church. Rev. Dr. Daniel Nickerson delivered the ordination Sermon.



Rev. James Gould

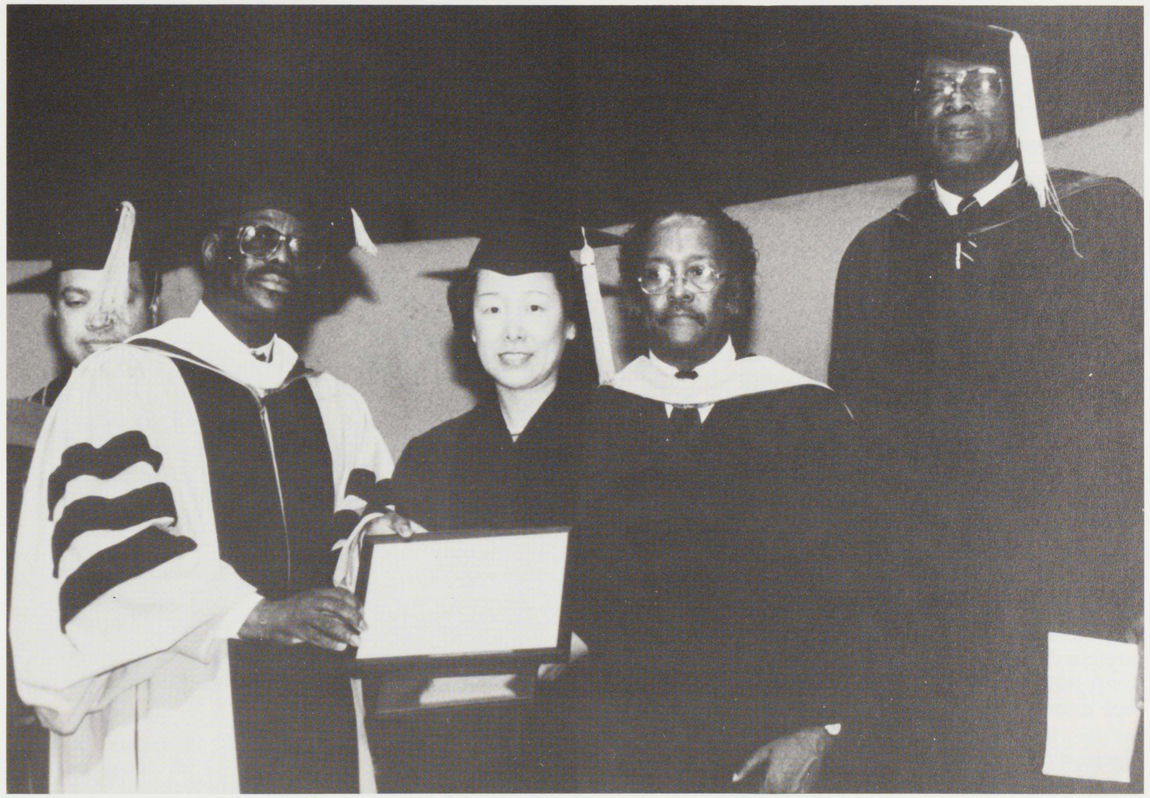
Rev. James E. Gould was ordained to the full gospel ministry on Saturday, June 22, 1985 by the St. Paul Baptist Church of Middletown, N.Y., where he has served for six years under the pastorship of Rev. Robert L. Davis.

The Ordination Sermon was preached by Rev. Gordon Henderson, Sr., pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church and Moderator of Central Hudson Baptist Association. Serving the Ordination Council and in attendance at the Ordination Service were ministers representing United Missionary Baptist Association and Central Hudson Baptist Association.

Rev. Gould has served his church and community faithfully as Sunday School Superintendent, Director of Christian Education, Trustee, and Deacon. He was licensed to preach in October, 1982. He attended New York University and the New York Theological Seminary and received tutorage for ordination under the guidance of the Rev. Dr. David Licorish, historian of the Empire State Baptist Association.

"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work." (I Timothy 3:1)

RICHARDSON, COOK, AND MOON AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATES



On Saturday, May 11, 1985, during the Convocation for the Awarding of Degrees, Shaw Divinity School conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree on three persons. The honorees were Dr. Franklin W. Richardson, Scarsdale, New York; Dr. Oscar Cook, Greensboro, North Carolina; and Dr. Sun Myung Moon, Irvington, New York.

Dr. Richardson is General Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, and pastor of the Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, New York. He resides in Scarsdale, New York.

Dr. Cook is pastor of the Zion Hill Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He resides in Greensboro.

Dr. Moon, a native of Korea, is founder and spiritual leader of the Unification Church International. He resides in Irvington, New York.

Honorary degrees are conferred on those who have distinguished themselves in their calling, profession, and service to their communities. Generally, they are also people who have helped to advance the cause of Shaw University and its Divinity School.

Drs. Richardson and Cook were recognized for outstanding achievements and contributions to the Christian ministry.

Dr. Moon was cited for his work as a social activist, humanitarian, philanthropist, and advocate of religious liberty. His situation is unique in that this is the third honorary doctorate he has received—all while he has been confined to a federal prison. In accepting the degree in behalf of her husband, Mrs. Moon said, in part: "Reverend Moon, too, knows the meaning of being persecuted for an ideal; he is serving in a federal prison this very day on that account. Yet the sole purpose of his life will continue to be to lift all people Godward and to ease the pain of suffering humanity".