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SKILLS

Leadership
Communication Skills
Pastoral Care
Community Engagement
Strategic Planning
Counseling
Team Building
Nonprofit Management
Program Development

EDUCATION

Moody Bible Institute
2015
B.A. – Pastoral Studies

2019
Certificate Civic Leadership
University of Chicago
Harris School Public Policy

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Mission-driven Pastor/CEO with more than 25 years of experience in all elements of organizational leadership and success in creating inspirational environments. Accomplished in developing and shepherding new and existing church members. Skilled Pastoral Counselor with strong background helping individuals overcome personal challenges and coping through grief. Successful in overseeing community services and the day-to-day operations of the organization and ensure its overall successful long-term operations. Provide thoughtful and visionary executive leadership that is inclusive, transparent, and empowering in a manner that supports and guides the organization's mission.

WORK EXPERIENCE

FOUNDER/SENIOR PASTOR -GLORIOUS LIGHT CHURCH
2008-Current

- Oversees and conducts worship services, pastoral care to the community, ordinances, funerals, and weddings.
- Oversees the administrative leadership of the church, including managing daily operations, developing and administering annual budget, ministry consultation with the church board of directors, leaders, committees and staff
- Directs the assimilation of new members into the life of the congregation in conjunction with, committees and organizations of the congregation
- Make appropriate referrals when necessary and quickly respond to crisis situations which arise in the congregation

Chief Executive Officer- Timothy Community Corporation NFP
2012-Current

- Founded the "Timothy Community Corporation NFP" a Community Development Corporation. The mission of the (TCC), is to strengthen communities by providing collaborative resources and access to innovative result-orientated health & wellness, leadership, and literacy programs
- Serves as a collaborative partner with UChicago Medicine/Urban Health Initiative, Robert H Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Rush University which sponsors Health Education and Fitness for community residents
- Developed TCC Fitness community-based health and wellness program offering weekly fitness classes for the community.
- Developed the Leading with Literacy Program (LWL)which serves Chicago Public Schools in the Bronzeville Community and the greater southside which provides books to students in kindergarten to 3rd grade.
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- Facilitated the donation over 25K books to be distributed to students via the (LWL) program
- Facilitated in school read-along with male volunteers reading to kindergarten – 3rd grade students weekly.
- Facilitated the posting and distribution of 10 Little Libraries in partnership with Jack and Jill and other community partners in the Bronzeville and Woodlawn Community.
- Serves as mentor to new non-profit leaders establishing themselves with grant writing referrals and overall non-profit training.

AFFLIATIONS:

- Co-Chair Lurie Cancer Center Community Advisory Board 2023-Present
- Character Coach, DePaul University Men's Basketball Team 2022-Present
- Commissioner of the Bronzeville Expanded Mental Health Services Program Commission 2021-Present
- Vice Chairman, Greater Bronzeville Community Action Council 2019-Present