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*The R. E. Cooper Senior  
National Meritorious Service Award*



*Elevating Humanity*

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Sunday, December 27, 2009

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**Gospel Proclaimer:**

Reverend Dr. Anthony Carroll  
Pastor, Antioch Native Baptist Church

**President Elect,**  
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Dr. R. E. Cooper, Jr., Pastor

## *Organizing Pastor*

Reverend Doctor Reuben Edward Cooper, Senior



November 1, 1913 - October 2, 1980

Justice of the Peace (J.P.)  
Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.)

## *2009 Award Laureates*

Mr. Charles Colebrooke, II  
Reverend Donald Dorsett  
Dr. Willamae C. Miller  
Pastor Hugh A. Roach  
Dr. Ada Thompson

## *Former Award Laureates*

◆ Mr. David C. Bowe  
Dr. D. Erskine Brown  
Dr. Nelson Clarke  
Mr. Roland Cox  
Ms. Mavis Darling-Hill  
◆ Mr. Iral Ferguson  
Mr. Obie Ferguson  
Mr. Alpheus "Hawk" Finlayson  
Bishop George Fowler  
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◆ Reverend Dr. P. A. Gibson  
Dr. Perry Gomez  
Reverend Dr. Simeon B. Hall  
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◆ Sir. Clement T. Maynard  
Dr. Bernard J. Nottage  
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Ms. Rita Pratt  
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◆ Reverend E. J. Rolle  
◆ Mother Carnetha Rolle  
◆ Reverend John Rolle, Senior  
◆ Elder Cecil Rose  
◆ Reverend Dr. Charles C. Smith  
Reverend Alfred Stewart  
◆ Mrs. Frances Stubbs  
Mr. Herbert Treco  
Evangelist Dr. Stunce Williams

◆ Deceased

## The R. E. Cooper Senior National Meritorious Service Award

*"If your life is an example of glorifying God, others won't see your good deeds and glorify you, because they'll know that what you are doing is for God's glory. When there is glory given to God and the action is done solely for His glory, somehow people can tell – and they will direct their gratitude and praise back to God" 1 Peter 2:11-12'*

### **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Award, established in 1985 by The Mission Baptist Church, recognizes and celebrates the national contributions of "Elevators of Humanity" - individuals who are national mentors, defending the downtrodden with passion and zeal with an open and compassionate spirit. Although many of these individuals do all within their limited means and influence to encourage others to reach their personal and professional zeniths, their contributions and philanthropic exploits are seemingly devoid of gratitude, and often they are eclipsed by others who are less principled but more popular and more partisan, relegating them to the archaic categories of unsung heroes and heroines.

It is a posthumous honour and tribute for the late founding pastor of The Mission Baptist Church, Reverend Dr. R. E. Cooper, Senior, who was a Bahamian hero, scholar, theologian extraordinaire and social reformer - one who loved his faith and country, serving faithfully and meritoriously for forty (40) years until his death in 1980. Despite his numerous accomplishments, his primary concern was to ensure the elevation of the ordinary man, whose talents were unexplored, and who was often overlooked in his professional and vocational fields.

### **THE MISSION**

The mission of the Meritorious Service Award is to inspire, educate, stimulate and enlighten human minds to the reality that success, achievement and respect which are void of colour, gender and profession, must be recognized by an appreciative community, church and nation.

### **AWARD CRITERIA**

The Award Laureates are living men and women who, through consistency and longevity, have achieved success in a chosen profession or career. These honorees have made extraordinary contributions to the development of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, and thus the global society, by giving of themselves, sometimes risking their careers and lives, by standing up for particular ideals and principles, even if they stood alone and when the status quo pressured them to abort that which they doggedly believed. They are selected and revered, not only for what they have individually achieved, but for the achievement they inspire in others.

### **THE PLEDGE**

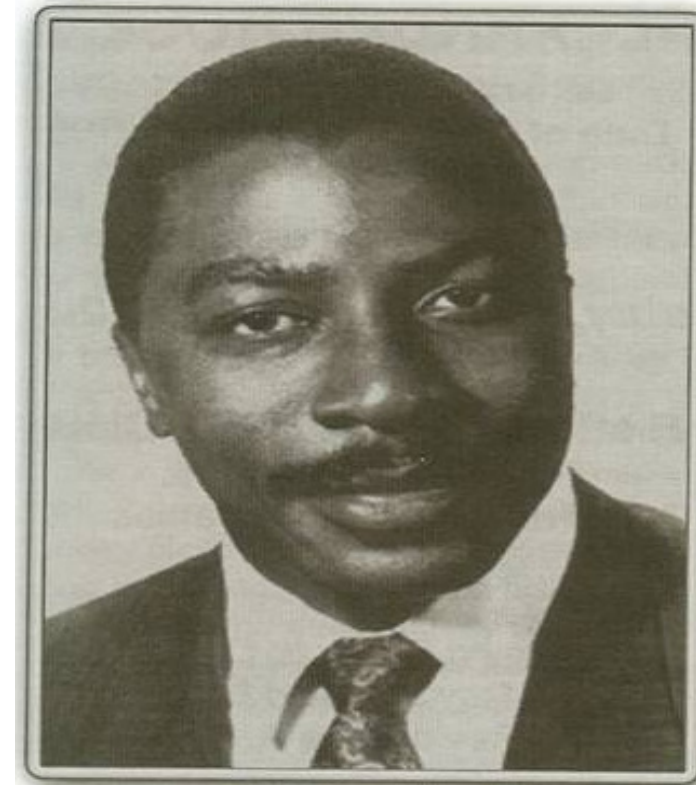
It is only fitting that such an outstanding benefactor and advocate for the indigent be remembered in some small way. Thus, Meritorious Service Award Committee will continue to recognize and pay tribute to individuals, like the late Dr. Cooper, who have made indelible, positive and progressive contributions to The Commonwealth of The Bahamas by rendering meritorious service. Individuals whose contemporary acts have significantly and indelibly affected the lives of others by doing what is morally and ethically right by showing Christian charity, compassion and kindness.

*One who elevated humanity by  
the self-denial he expressed in using his gifts.....*

**MATTHEW A. ROSE**

MD, F.A.A.P.

**Born: June 10, 1955 ■ Died: February 21, 1993**



**Founding Chairman  
Meritorious Service Award Committee**



# The Worship Of God

“A Place Where People Are First!”



ORGAN PRELUDE.....Dr. Ruby Ann Darling

MINISTERIAL PROCESSION  
Pastor Cooper & Clergy

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Dr. R. E. Cooper, Jr

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens; Your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; Your judgments are like the great deep. We will sing of Your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with our mouth we will proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations. We will declare that Your steadfast love is established forever; Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O Lord, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones. For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?

HYMN OF CELEBRATION.....“Great God Of Wonders”

Great God of wonders! All Thy ways  
Are matchless, Godlike and divine;  
But the fair glories of Thy grace  
More Godlike and unrivaled shine,  
More Godlike and unrivaled shine.  
*Who is a pardoning God like Thee?*  
*Or who has grace so rich and free?*  
*Or who has grace so rich and free?*

Angels and men resign your claim  
To pity, mercy, love and grace;  
These glories crown Jehovah's Name  
With an incomparable glaze  
With an incomparable glaze.  
*Who is a pardoning God like Thee?*  
*Or who has grace so rich and free?*  
*Or who has grace so rich and free?*

Crimes of such horror to forgive,  
Such guilty daring souls to spare;  
This is Thy grand prerogative,  
And none shall in the honour share:  
And none shall in the honour share.  
*Who is a pardoning God like Thee?*  
*Or who has grace so rich and free?*  
*Or who has grace so rich and free?*

In wonder lost, with trembling joy,  
We take the pardon of our God:  
Pardon for sins of deepest dye,  
A pardon sealed with Jesus' blood:  
A pardon sealed with Jesus' blood:  
*Who is a pardoning God like Thee?*  
*Or who has grace so rich and free?*  
*Or who has grace so rich and free?*

O may this glorious, matchless love,  
This God-like miracle of grace,  
Teach mortal tongues, like those above,  
To raise this song of lofty praise:

## An Elevator of Humanity .....Charles Alexander Colebrooke II

One day after graduating from the Prince Williams High School in 1975, Charles Alexander Colebrooke accepted a position of Busboy in the Coyaba Restaurant at the then Britannia Beach Hotel, now the Atlantis Paradise Island. Immediately, he saw the potential for advancement in the Hospitality Industry and decided to make it his career.



With his mind fixed on being the best at whatever position he held, Charles' manager noticed his enthusiasm and promoted him to a Waiter in 1979. This further prompted him to strive harder at his vocation and, once again, in 1985 Charlie was promoted. As a new manager who worked up the ranks, Charlie was determined to treat his employees fairly ensuring that he dealt with them honestly.

He developed a great deal of loyalty from his peers and staff. Training any employee that was interested in learning became his passion. This love for training led the company to promote him to Food and Beverage Training Manager in 1989. Charlie's responsibilities included developing and conducting training seminars for all employees in the Food & Beverage areas. During his time as Training Manager, he took great pride in developing the innate talent in hardworking and conscientious employees.

His next promotion to Food & Beverage Section Manager came in 1992 after years of dedication and excelling in the many courses he had to undergo. This brought new and exciting challenges and placed him with direct responsibilities for Gulfstream, The Grill Room and the Seagrapes Restaurants. In 1992, he won the “Manager of The Year Award” from the Bahamas Hotel Association (which is now the Cacique Awards), after being nominated by his mentor and boss, Gabrielle (Gabby) Sastre.

Charles rose to the challenges he was presented with and, as a result, he was promoted later to Director of Restaurants. He continued to grow with the company and over the years was promoted to Assistant Director of Food & Beverage, Director of Food & Beverage and Senior Director of Food & Beverage. In Charlie's current position, Vice President of Food & Beverage, he has the responsibility for Atlantis Phase I & II Restaurants & Bars, Food & Beverage Budgets, Capital Projects and Food & Beverage Finance.

Over the years the former and present company has invested in Charlie's career by sending him to numerous restaurant shows, off-shore training, and intern programmes that included working in Atlantic City, The Palace at Sun City in South Africa and further professional development in New York at Cornell University and St. Petersburg Florida at Eckerd College Leadership and Development Institute.

His educational and training include a certificate of Specialization in Food and Beverage Management and a Certificate of Specialization in Management Development both from the Educational Institute of the American Hotel and Motel Association (A.H.M.A.). During this two year programme, he received certificates in Basic Sanitation, Food & Beverage Management, Food Production Principle, Food & Beverage Cost Control, Food and Beverage Service, Introduction to Hospitality, Human Relations, Supervisory Development, Communication Development, Training Development, Convention Management & Service. He also received a diploma in Food and Beverage Management also from A.H.M.A. Upon completing these courses and receiving a diploma in Food & Beverage Management, Charles became a faculty member for the A.H.M.A. and certified more than a hundred Bahamians in Food & Beverage Management.

The biggest compliment for Charles is to inspire Bahamians to achieve their rightful position in the Hospitality Industry.

*An Elevator of Humanity .....Pastor Donald Dorsett*



Pastor Dorsett Career is an interesting and unique person. He is the second child born to Charles Augustus and Clotilda Elizabeth Dorsett at Eleuthera, Bahamas on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 1942.

He was educated at the Western Junior, Western Senior, Southern Senior Schools and St. John's College, Nassau, Bahamas. A gifted young man with exceptional educational accomplishments, he could have aspired to be anything his heart desired for his educational background prepared him well, but he wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father, who had been a teacher before he became a businessman and politician. Today 'Dorsett' is a household name in the Coconut Grove area, as his father's business establishments continue to cater to the residents and neighbourhood visitors years after his death.

Walking in the footsteps of his father, naturally Pastor Dorsett entered the business field and around 1974, he established 'Dorsett's Grocery Centre' near his childhood community on Podoleo Street. His community supermarket is a landmark in the Over- the-Hill area. One with a great deal of energy, from early in the morning until late in the night, he personally attends to all who would enter his business establishment for their daily wares. He is truly a unique businessman who is sensitive to the feelings of others, generously accommodating their needs.

Pastor Dorsett is the Senior Pastor in the instrumental Churches of Christ in The Bahamas and, since 1973 has shepherded the Fifth Street Church of Christ in Coconut Grove since 1973. His time is fully spent sharing his passion for Christ in this era by maintaining a passion for: teaching the Word of God, loving and worshipping God, loving people and reaching our world for Christ. A minister amongst his people, he helps others and enjoys enhancing the quality of life of the people in his congregation and community. Tested and tried over the years, he places much value on effectual, fervent prayer and considers himself to be "a man of prayer." Truly, a humble servant of God, he is responsible and cooperative with ecclesial authority, without being either overly submissive or rebellious. In keeping with the biblical standard of Christian leadership, his stewardship is always service-oriented, consistent, well-balanced and realistic.

Pastor Dorsett, a dedicated husband and father, has been married to this wife, Clara, for over forty-five years. They have been blessed with five lovely children: Dave- "The Pilot", Keva- "The Business Person", Darrell- "The Prison Officer", Donnell- "The Teacher" and Donnava- "The Student" and numerous grandchildren.

One with a high priority for the importance of marriage and family, since his appointment as a Marriage Officer of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas in 1974, he has the distinct record of having performed over 800 marriages, and having conducted thousands of infant dedications.

As a businessman and spiritual leader, Pastor Dorsett's quest is to strive to be more Christ-like in everything he endeavours to do. With a genuine love for decadent humanity, he has a heart for people and knows, in an unpretentious way, how to relate to them. His prayer is that God would always make him a blessing to others. Daily, weekly, annually and for more than three decades, he has put actions to his statement of purpose which is, "If I can help somebody as I pass along, my living will not be in vain" by continually meeting the needs of the less fortunate around him. In his salutatory words: 'To God Be All The Glory!'

To raise this song of lofty praise.  
 Who is a pardoning God like Thee?  
 Or who has grace so rich and free?  
 Or who has grace so rich and free?

Words: Samuel Davies, published posthumously in *Hymns Adapted to Divine Worship*, by Thomas Gibbons, 1769.

PRAYER.....Bishop Ros Davis

RESPONSE .....”Great Is Thy Faithfulness!”

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,  
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
 As thou has been, Thou forever wilt be.  
 Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
 All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;  
 Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Words: Thomas O Chisholm, 1866-1960

THE OCCASION

Mrs. Diann Virgil, President, Women's Ministries

FOUNDER'S DAY HYMN..... “Zion Stands By Walls Surrounded”

Zion stands by walls surrounded, Zion, kept by power divine; All her foes shall be confounded, Though the world in arms combine; Happy Zion, what a favoured lot is thine! Happy Zion, what a favoured lot is thine!	Every human tie may perish; Friend to friend unfaithful prove; Mother cease their own to cherish; Heav'n and earth at last remove; But no changes can attend Jehovah's love But no changes can attend Jehovah's love.
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In the furnace God may prove thee,  
 Thence to bring thee forth more bright,  
 But can never cease to love thee;  
 Thou art precious in His sight;  
 God is with thee—God, thine everlasting Light,  
 God is with thee—God, thine everlasting Light.

Words: Thomas Kelly, *Hymns on Various Passages of Scripture*, 1806 edition.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Matthew 8:1-3; John 4:34.....Reverend Stephen Duncombe

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.  
 People: Thanks be to God.

THE DOXOLOGY

(All Standing)

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow;  
Praise Him All Creatures Here Below  
Praise Him Above Ye Heav'nly Host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

AN ASSESSMENT OF

PASTOR HUGH A. ROACH'S NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Presenter: Bishop Simeon B. Hall

AN ASSESSMENT OF

DR. WILLAMAE C. MILLER'S NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Presenter: Dr. Philip B. McPhee

HYMN....."O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

O Master, let me walk with Thee,  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

The sore distrust of souls sincere,  
Who cannot read thy judgments clear,  
The dullness of the multitude,  
Who dimly guess that Thou art good.

Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee  
In closer, dearer, company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

O Master, let me walk with Thee,  
Before the taunting Pharisee;  
Help me to bear the sting of spite,  
The hate of men who hide Thy light.

In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only Thou canst give,  
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden, 1879

AN ASSESSMENT OF

MR. CHARLES COLEBROOKE'S II NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Presenter: Dr. Arnold A. Josey

AN ASSESSMENT OF

DR. ADA THOMPSON'S NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Presenter: Dr B. Wenith Davis

An Elevator of Humanity .....Dr. Ada Thompson

Dr. Ada Thompson was born in Georgetown, Guyana, obtained her medical degree with Honours in 1963 from the University of the West Indies in Jamaica, and did specialist training in Hypertension and Kidney Diseases in London, England.

She worked in the Bahamas for over 40 years, pioneering dialysis treatment, and teaching in the School of Nursing. She has been a frequent speaker on medical topics on both radio and T.V in the Bahamas over the past 30 years.

She was the founder in 1976, and first president of The Kidney Foundation of the Bahamas. She was chairman of the National Women's Advisory Council for 4 years 1993-1997 and Chairman of the Medical Council of the Bahamas, also for 4 years.

She was made an Honorary fellow of the Bahamas Academy of Medical Sciences in 1998 and was awarded a silver medal at the Bahamas 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as an independent nation, in 1998 for her contribution to Medicine in the Bahamas.

She was a member of the St. Andrew's Kirk for 17 years before moving on to Assemblies of God where she is a Senior Minister, and operates in the ministry gift of Teacher.

She attended Trinity Assembly Church on Harrold Road for 13 years where she was a senior minister and a principal teacher in their School of Ministry. She was also involved in hospital visitation at both the P.M.H and Sandilands Hospitals.

Dr. Thompson was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in 2003 and specifically as an Apostolic Teacher to the body of Christ. She is also a licensed marriage officer and presently she leads a group called "The Gathering of the Eagles." This is an Apostolic teaching ministry where she is presently teaching on "The Third Day Church", the Apostolic Restoration and "The New Wineskins". Her ministry is a member of Jubilee Alliance, a network of Apostolic churches and ministries in Atlanta, Georgia.

In September 2005 she obtained the Doctor of Divinity degree from York Christian International University, Ft. Lauderdale Florida, U.S.A.

She has been married to Dr. Davidson Hepburn, a retired Bahamian diplomat, for the past 38 years and they have one son, Scott.

Dr. Thompson is passionate about the Word of God, loves the people of God and is called to speak LIFE to the church.

She continues to carry on her medical practice in Nassau, which she enjoys very much but knows now that her greater purpose in life is to "Know Him and to make Him known."



*An Elevator of Humanity .....Pastor Hugh A. Roach, MBE*

Pastor “Hugh” Allison Roach, parentage, is a veteran developer, a church husband, father, and faithful



who enjoyed the good fortune of Exumian educator, a Minister of Religion, a national administrator and advisor, a devoted steward.

In 2004, The Bahamas honoured him and his wife, God, the community and January 20, 1962, he received Pastor at the Centreville S.D.A. & Philadelphia Seventh-Day service allowed him to travel of the Bahamas and the evangelistic crusades to ‘bring the wandering ones to Jesus, and thus adding to the Church ‘such as would be saved.’ His attempt at a global ministry and national evangelist truly incorporated the mandate of The Great Commission.

Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Olga, for fifty years of Christian service to country. Ordained to the Gospel Ministry on his first full time pastoral appointment as Church. He presently pastors the Maranatha Adventist Churches. This *Golden Jubilee* of and minister throughout the Commonwealth Caribbean region conducting revivals and

One of Pastor Roach’s major achievements was when he was elected President of the Bahamas Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists I the Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands, a post he held for six years. To the credit of his administration resident pastors were placed in each Family Island District and the Turks and Caicos Island, the Grand Bahama Academy was established, Bahamas Academy was separated into two schools: Elementary and Secondary Divisions, young Adventists were assisted to pursue tertiary education, the H.D. Colburne Gymnasium was constructed, and additional denominational churches were built and existing ones renovated and refurbished

One whose charisma, charm, wit, understanding and warm personality allowed him to positively impact the lives of many as a Spiritual Advisor, including the late Sir. Lynden Pindling, Pastor Roach is a clarion voice to young people with the Drug Awareness Programme “Listen Bahamas” which tries to teach young people about the dangers of illegal drugs, and advocates a drug-free lifestyle.

He has also served as a member of Sandilands Welfare Committee, Central Advisory Committee for Education, Juvenile Panel and Community Services (Ministry of Housing Board) and as the local Executive Director - International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency. For his persistent national contributions, in 2004, he received a signal honour from Her Majesty, the Queen when he was elevated to the high post of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Pastor Roach sincerely believes that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” As a veteran educator who holds a Master of Arts degree in Education from Andrews University in Michigan, he served as teacher, then teacher and principal of Bahamas Academy of Seventh-Day Adventists, School Board Chairman, Departmental Director, among other positions and portfolios where his impactful leadership and administrative skills are unsurpassed.

For the remainder of his Christian service and earthly sojourn, Pastor Roach will continue to teach others by the life he lives and the service he gives. He will continue to give of his best to His Lord and Master. Why? As affirmed by D. L. Moody who once said: “A holy life will make the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns: they just shine!”

AN ASSESSMENT OF  
REVEREND DONALD DORSETT’S NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS  
*Presenter: Dr. Irene a. Coakley*

HYMN.....”Thy Way, Not Mine, O Lord”

Thy way, not mine, O Lord,  
However dark it be;  
Lead me by Thine own hand,  
Choose out the path for me.

Take Thou my cup, and it  
With joy or sorrow fill,  
As best to Thee may seem;  
Choose Thou my good and ill.

Smooth let it be or rough,  
It will be still the best;  
Winding or straight, it leads  
Right onward to Thy rest.

Choose Thou for me my friends,  
My sickness or my health;  
Choose Thou my cares for me  
My poverty or wealth.

I dare not choose my lot;  
I would not, if I might;  
Choose Thou for me, my God,  
So I shall walk aright.

The kingdom that I seek  
Is Thine; so let the way  
That leads to it be Thine,  
Else I must surely stray.

Not mine, not mine the choice  
In things or great or small;  
Be Thou my Guide, my Strength  
My Wisdom, and my All.

Words: *Horatius Bonar, Hymns of Faith and Hope, 1857.*

PRESENTATION & INVESTITURE  
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THE R. E. COOPER SENIOR  
NATIONAL MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD  
*Dr. R. E. Cooper, Jr.*

OFFERTORY CELEBRANTS.....Ministers Cleophas Cooper & Susan Pratt

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER.....Reverend Timothy Stewart  
*Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church*

SERMONIC PREPARATORY HYMN.....”From Every Stormy Wind That Blows”

From every stormy wind that blows,  
From every swelling tide of woes,  
There is a calm, a sure retreat;  
’Tis found beneath the mercy seat.

There is a place where Jesus sheds,  
The oil of gladness on our heads;  
A place than all besides more sweet;  
It is the blood -bought mercy seat.

There is a place where spirits blend,  
Where friend holds fellowship with friend;  
Though sundered far, by faith thy meet  
Around one common mercy-seat.

There, there, on eagles' wings we soar,  
And time and sense seem all no more;  
And heaven comes down, our souls to greet.  
And glory crowns the mercy seat.

Oh, let my hand forget her skill,  
My tongue be silent, cold, and still,  
This bounding heart forget to beat,  
If I forget the mercy seat!

Words: **Hugh Stowell**, in *The Winter's Wreath*,  
a *Collection of Original Contributions in Prose and Verse*, 1828.  
Stowell rewrote & republished the words in 1831.

THE PROCLAIMED WORD.....The Reverend Anthony Carroll  
*Pastor, Antioch Native Baptist Church*  
*President-elect, Bahamas National Baptist Missionary & Educational Convention*  
*Commonwealth of The Bahamas*

HYMN..... "Jesus Is Coming Again"

Lift up the trumpet, and loud let it ring: Jesus is coming again! Cheer up, ye pilgrims, be joyful and sing: Jesus is coming again! <i>Coming again, coming again,</i> <i>Jesus is coming again!</i>	Heavings of earth, tell the vast, wondering throng; Jesus is coming again! Tempests and whirlwinds, the anthem prolong; Jesus is coming again! <i>Coming again, coming again,</i> <i>Jesus is coming again!</i>
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Echo it, hilltops; proclaim it, ye plains: Jesus is coming again! Coming in glory, the Lamb that was slain; Jesus is coming again! <i>Coming again, coming again,</i> <i>Jesus is coming again!</i>	Nations are angry – by this we do know Jesus is coming again! Knowledge increases; men run to and fro; Jesus is coming again! <i>Coming again coming again,,</i> <i>Jesus is coming again!</i>
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Words: Jessie E. Strout, 1872.

MINISTERIAL GREETINGS & FELICITATIONS.....Bishop Michael C. Symonette  
*General Superintendent, St. John Native Baptist Society*

CLOSING REMARKS & EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE.....Dr. R. E. Cooper, Jr.

THE CLOSING HYMN..... "Tell Out, My Soul, The Greatness"

*An Elevator of Humanity .....Dr. Willamae C. Miller*

*"Lo, Children are an heritage of the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is his reward."*

Mrs. Willamae C. Miller has  
education of the children of the



devoted her entire life to the  
Bahamas.

Her first introduction to educating  
monitor on the island of her birth,  
primary school teacher in the  
systems in the island of New Providence.

young, eager minds was as a  
Crooked Island, and later as a  
public and private school

A lifelong friend of children, Mrs. Miller's philosophy of education is: "Every child is to be loved, valued and entitled to a good education." Since her retirement from the classroom, she has committed herself to training teachers of children. For her commitment in evangelizing children and thus the world, she received an honorary doctorate (D.H.L.) in 2006.

Mrs. Miller is a firm believer of childhood conversion, having been born again as a child at the age of ten, and attends Bible Truth Hall Church (Brethren), West Terrace, Centreville, Nassau.

A wife, mother, and grand mother, Mrs. Miller is married to Henry C. Miller and they have 5 children, 5 grandsons, 2 great-grand daughters and 1 great grand-son.

**Succinctly, Mrs. Miller's education and training include:**

- Primary education – Crooked island All- aged School
- High School - Government High Evening Institute (GCE O'levels)
- College of the Bahamas, University of the West Indies Education d- Teaching Certificate
- St. Benedict/St. John's university, Minnesota, USA – Bachelor of Arts (Education)
- Trinity College of the Bible – Newburg Indiana, USA – Th.B.- Theology
- Child Evangelism Fellowship, Children's Ministries Institute, warrenton, Missouri, USA – Diploma in Children's Ministries
- Certification Leadership Training Instructor – Children's Ministries Institute
- Publisher: Newsletter – "Special Thoughts"
- President/Producer: "The Children's Hour Media Ministries (A radio programme on ZNS for the past 20 years)
- Columnist: Weekly Story Time In print
- Co-ordinator: Mailbox Club Correspondence Literature
- Leadership Training Institute Instructor (CEF) – Conference Worship and Seminar Leader

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; when he is old, he will not depart from it!"*

## *Something to Ponder.....*

### *How Did You Live Your Dash?*

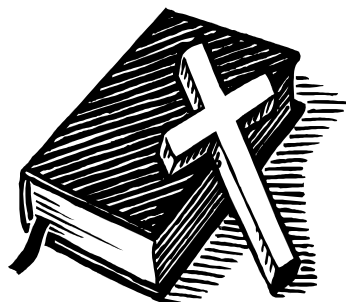
*I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning...to the end  
He noted that first came her date of birth and spoke the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. (1934 -2000)*

*For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth...  
And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.  
For it matters not, how much we own; the cars...the house...the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.*

*So think about this long and hard... are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left, that can still be rearranged.  
If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real,  
And always try to understand the way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.  
If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile..  
Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.*

*So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash...  
Would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?*



*Happy New Year!*

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Tender to me the promise of His Word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His Name!  
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;  
His holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!  
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore!

Words: Timothy Dudley Smith, 1926

THE BENEDICTION.....Minister

SUNG RESPONSE.....“The Lord Bless You”

RECESSIONAL POSTLUDE.....Instrumentalists

### **WHERE JESUS FOUND THEM -**

It's interesting to notice where Jesus found some of the folks who became His friends. For instance, He found Matthew busy collecting taxes in the customs house, Nathanael under a fig tree, Peter and Andrew at the lake, the Samaritan woman at a well, Zacchaeus up a tree, and the thief on a cross.

Where did He find you when He called you to follow Him? Where will He find you when He comes again, or calls you to come up higher?

-Roy J. Wilkins

## Gospel Proclaimer .....The Reverend Anthony J. Carroll, M.Div., D.D..

The Reverend Dr. Anthony J. Carroll was born to the late Jeffrey A. Carroll and Shelia L. Carroll on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1956. He is the oldest of 4 children. Rev. Carroll surrendered to the Lord's Call for rededication and commitment to the ministry of His church in January 1977 during the closing service of The Bahamas National Baptist Convention's crusade at Bethel Baptist Church, Meeting Street on a Friday. In August, 1977 he was licensed to preach by the Rev. Dr. Michael C. Symonette at the St. James Native Baptist Church, Nassau, Bahamas and matriculated at the American Baptist College of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee. He was ordained to the gospel ministry on June 24, 1979 by the late Dr. Nehemiah E. Douglas at the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.



A son of Native Baptists, Rev. Carroll's appointment/election within the St. John Particular Church of Native Baptists in the Bahamas include: Treasurer (May, 2007-present); Assistant Recording Secretary (May 1988-May, 2007); Trustee (May 1992 present); Liaison Officer, National Disaster and Retirement Committee (June, 2003-present) and Chairman, Camp Meeting (May 2001- present).

He is a 1980 graduate of the American Baptist College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Philosophy and a 1984 graduate of the Emory University, Candler School of Theology with a Master of Divinity degree. On Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009, Pastor Carroll was awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by the Regents and Trustees of the Destiny Christian University International, Nashville, Tennessee.

Pastor Carroll is the Organizing Pastor of the Antioch Native Baptist Church, Nassau, Bahamas (June 3 1988-Present) and has provided ministry as: Associate Minister, The St. James Native Baptist Church, Nassau, Bahamas (August 1985-June 1988); Lecturer, Seminary Extension Division Southern Baptist Seminaries, Bahamas Baptist Bible Institute, Nassau, Bahamas (September 1986-Present); Pastor, The New Springfield Baptist Church, Siloam, Georgia (October 1982-October 1985); Associate Minister, Wheat Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia (March 1982-October 1982); Chaplain, The Humana Hospital Audubon, Louisville, Kentucky (September 1984-December 1984); Seminary Intern, The Interfaith Volunteer Lawyers Association, Atlanta, Georgia (January 1984-April 1984); Interim Pastor, the St. John's Native Baptist Church, Coral Road, Freeport, Grand Bahama (June 1980-December, 1980); Associate Minister, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee (October 1977-November 1979); Associate Minister, Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee (November 1979-June 1980).

In the secular field, he was employed as: Accounting and Reports Clerk, Chase Manhattan Bank N.A.; Guidance Counselor, R. M. Bailey Secondary School, Nassau, Bahamas (August 1986-September 2000) and Guidance Counselor, C. I. Gibson Secondary School, Nassau, Bahamas (January 1987).

Dr. Carroll was appointed a Marriage Officer of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas in March 1981.

Dr. Carroll continues to serve in the Bahamas National Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention as: President-elect May 28<sup>th</sup> 2009; 1st Vice-President; Assistant Recording Secretary (May 1983 - May 1994).

He is married to the Rev. Cheryl A. Carroll nee Frazer. After 32 years of marriage they celebrate the gift of three sons: Amaliko, Dietrich and Anthoniko, a granddaughter, Faith, and a daughter-in-law, Nurse Kimberly.

His hobbies include: Reading, Swimming, Softball and Basketball.

## The Award.....

*"They who wait on the Lord will renew their strength. They will mount up on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, and they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:31).*

The **EAGLE** is the symbol chosen for The Award because of its leadership characteristics. It is a matchless bird. It is strong, courageous, visionary, attentive, gentle, independent, industrious, resolute, confident, dexterous and resilient. In creation, it's one of a kind.

It is used by many nations as a national symbol and historically its symbol is used on seals, crests, crowns, coats of arm and empires.

From antiquity, the question has been argued whether leaders are born or nurtured? The 'Elevators of Humanity' chosen to receive The Award replicate some, if not all, of the eagle's characteristics and were either born with certain leadership characteristics or, over time, as good stewards, developed these characteristics. In essence, they traded on the talents given them by their Master, and are today able to give a good account of their stewardship.

Note the major leadership characteristics we get from the Eagle, which are highlighted:

- **VISIONARY** – Like the Eagle, all leaders must have vision. The eagle's eyes can see great distances. They can also look directly into the sun without being blinded.
- **INDUSTRIOUS AND INDEPENDENT:** An Eagle never eats dead meat and never eats meat that it did not kill; it is not a scavenger. It hunts for and kills its own food. It hunts for the prey while it's warm and alive which signifies that it is prepared and ready to act.
- **RESOLUTE, CONFIDENT, DEXTEROUS, AND COURAGEOUS:** The Eagle looks for and flies into storms. As storms approach, lesser birds head for cover, but the mighty Eagle spreads its wings and with a great cry mounts upon the powerful updrafts, soaring to heights of glory. The Eagle uses the storm to lift him to these great heights. Leaders use storms (challenges); they don't run from them. To leaders, storms are tools used for their development.
- **GENTLE AND ATTENTIVE:** The Eagle is known for its ferocity, yet no member of the bird family is more gentle and attentive to its young. At just the right time, the mother Eagle begins to teach her eaglets how to fly. She gathers an eaglet onto her back, and spreading her wings, flies high. Suddenly she swoops out from under the eaglet and as it falls, it gradually learns what its wings are for until the mother catches it once again on her wings. The process is repeated. If the young is slow to learn or cowardly, she returns him to the nest, and begins to tear it apart, until there is nothing left for the eaglet to cling to. Then she nudges him off the cliff.

The Award shows that Elevators Of Humanity **TEACH, TRAIN** and **TRANSFORM** others .... .....empowering them for the journey of life!