THE INSTALLATION OF

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AS PASTOR OF
NEW BIRTH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Recognized as a prolific orator, exceptional visionary, philanthropist, and proponent of social justice, Dr. Jamal-Harrison Bryant embodies the mission that guides his life: To change the world with the Word. The global outreach of his work as a pastor, community activist, and businessman spans over 20 years.

Dr. Bryant continues to build his spiritual legacy with his appointment as the Pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church (Lithonia, GA) in December 2018. His leadership efforts have already begun to strengthen the multi-generational bond among members, expand outreach, cultivate families and continue the church’s solid legacy of cultural significance and community involvement.

A third-generation minister, Dr. Bryant possesses an undeniable gift to bridge generations from the Civil Rights movement to the Black Lives Matter era. His ability to reach across social, economic and political barriers has inspired people to succeed in their everyday lives, but more importantly, to experience the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

While many would foresee a bleak future for a young man who failed the eleventh grade and dropped out of High School, Dr. Bryant’s personal story of resilience and discipline propelled him over the roadblocks and through an impressive educational journey. After obtaining his G.E.D, Dr. Bryant earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science and International Studies from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. In fact, he was the very first student accepted into Morehouse with a G.E.D. He later went on to acquire a Master of Divinity Degree from Duke University and in 2005 was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Ministry Degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Mishawaka, Indiana while also attending the world-renowned University of Oxford in Great Britain.

Accepting the call God placed on his life to birth something new, Dr. Bryant became the Pastor and Founder of Empowerment Temple AME Church in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 29. Acclaimed as the fastest-growing African Methodist Episcopal church in the denomination’s 200-year history, the congregation grew from 43 members who started in Bryant’s home in 2000 to currently more than 10,000 parishioners who remain prominent in the city. Adding to his span – both then and now – are the growing numbers of believers reached through streaming broadcasts, his expanding social media networks, and Power to the People, a weekly live broadcast on The Word Network.

Dr. Bryant’s charismatic personality and business acumen have also placed him in front of leaders both inside corporate and non-profit board rooms. His diverse portfolio of clients, sponsors and consultants have allowed him to develop strong alliances with retailers such as WalMart, Burlington Coat Factory and Dunkin Donuts franchises. In addition, Dr. Bryant has fostered long-term relationships with top executives at Radio One, Inc., TV One, BET, The Ray Lewis Foundation, Rush Philanthropic Arts Foundation, the Association of Black Cardiologists, Clear Channel, and others.

Over the years, Dr. Bryant has developed an unselfish passion for pairing his faith with his interests in civil rights and social engagement. At 22, he was hired as the National Youth and College Director of the NAACP where he served for six years, leading nearly 70,000 young people worldwide on non-violent campaigns.
An overview of some of Dr. Bryant’s notable accomplishments highlights his conscious effort to develop strong leaders, empower the economically disadvantaged, challenge social injustices and spread the Gospel:

- Dr. Bryant was the visionary and organizer of the 2011 Power Summit where he galvanized pastors from leading mega congregations nationwide along with community leaders and minority business owners to initiate a 7-point-plan devoted to re-investing in their communities. Topping the list of objectives were employment, education, healthcare and housing.

- In 2012, Dr. Bryant conceptualized and hosted the first-ever, three-day social and political activist Code Red Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. During the city-wide, voter registration event, an unprecedented 1 million men and women became first-time registered voters. Dr. Bryant also assisted in facilitating the re-election of President Barack Obama by orchestrating Code Red Capital Campaign Centers at churches and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the nation to promote voter registration and education.

- Additionally, in March 2012, Dr. Bryant along with Congressmen, State Legislators and Civil Rights Activists participated in the Selma-to-Montgomery Commemorative March. He was later asked to be one of few selected speakers for the August 2013 event which marked the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King’s March on Washington. Dr. Bryant addressed a hopeful, yet reflective audience on the steps of the historic Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC.

- Today, he continues to play a pivotal role in the fight for injustice. Among many recent examples is the notorious Trayvon Martin case. Dr. Bryant helped to spread the word about the injustices surrounding the case by leading several peaceful protests on behalf of the 17-year old Miami native’s family. He also served as a spiritual advisor to Trayvon’s parents during the highly-publicized trial.

Under the newly appointed Pastor, New Birth has seen phenomenal growth. The increase in membership during the first two months of Dr. Bryant’s leadership is more than the entire year of 2018, and includes both new and former, returning members. Dr. Bryant has hit the ground running, using his gifts to mobilize and galvanize various Outreach Initiatives for the congregation, local community and Atlanta area.

- On Sunday, January 20, 2019, Dr. Bryant and New Birth welcomed immigrants from all nations for Dreamer’s Sunday – a worship experience that included vibrant global expressions and a life-changing message of hope. The day culminated with an International Festival showcasing fashions and cultural cuisine. Immigration resources were made available from community organizations providing resources for employment, legal services, housing, benefits and health screenings.

- In January 2019, Dr. Bryant initiated Soup and Souls, a 2-Day Outreach Project. With the goal of collecting 5,000 cans of soup to bless the community, Dr. Bryant strategically challenged the Millennials and Baby Boomers to see which team could bring in the most cans. The ministry surpassed the goal, collecting well over 10,000 cans that New Birth members delivered door to door along with an invitation to visit the church for a worship service. The second day of outreach continued with Super Bowl parties for the homeless community, held at New Birth and with the Safe House Outreach.
On Sunday, February 25, Dr. Bryant hosted “The Vow,” a free Citywide Wedding Celebration for couples that were unable to afford a wedding, who were dealing with extenuating circumstances, or in need of assistance. With donations from local vendors and church members the event was a tremendous success. The couples were blessed with formal wear, bridal gowns, cakes, etc. and lasting memories of their special day.

Dr. Bryant also introduced a Book of the Month Club, encouraging members to read a book a month to inspire entrepreneurship, personal development and wealth building.

A man with a global mission, Dr. Bryant has been referred to by some as the 21st Century Frederick Douglass. Whether hosting a fire-side chat with grassroots leaders or responding to a crisis at a press conference, he is equipped to positively impact the Body of Christ. He follows in the giant footsteps of the late visionary, Bishop Eddie L. Long, who answered the call to break religious traditions and preach the unadulterated word of God in his role as New Birth’s Senior Pastor for thirty years.

Upon his appointment and installation as the Pastor of New Birth, Dr. Bryant is quoted as saying, “I am grateful for this opportunity and I am coming with amazing zeal to do the work of the Lord. Much like Joshua, Bishop Long was one of the greatest strategists that has ever lived. I am humbled and honored to carry his mantle to further the work of the Kingdom. My prayer every day is “Lord, Your Will, nothing more, nothing less and nothing else!”

Dr. Bryant is the son of Bishop John Richard Bryant (a retired Presiding Bishop in the AME Church) and Reverend Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant; has one sibling (Dr. Thema Bryant-Davis). A trailblazer in every sense of the word, Dr. Bryant is the father of five beautiful daughters. Dr. Bryant is also a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.
Our Program

See, I am doing a new thing ...Isaiah 43:9 (NIV)

The Service of Installation for Dr. Jamal-Harrison Bryant
Sunday, March 10, 2019
6:45 PM

Bishop William H. Murphy, III, Presiding
The dReam Center Church of Atlanta

Call To Worship

Processional
Invocation
Musical Selection
Statement of the Occasion
The Written Word
Musical Selection
Spoken Word
Greetings from the Community
Musical Selection
Greetings from the Faith Community
Musical Selection
Introduction of Guest Preacher
Sermonic Song

“All Hail the Power” DIADEM
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Dr. Craig Oliver
*Elizabeth Baptist Church*
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*Author*
State Representative Vernon Jones
Congressman Hank Johnson
Worship and Arts Ministry
Dr. Barbara King
*Hillside International Truth Center*
Dr. E. Dewey Smith
*House of Hope Atlanta*
Worship and Arts Ministry
Bishop Reginald Jackson
Presiding Prelate 6th *Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church*
Bishop Marvin Sapp
Our Program

The Preached Word
Bishop John Bryant
Senior Bishop of the A.M.E. Church (Retired)

The Acts of Installation
Charge to the Church
Bishop Dennis Proctor
A.M.E. Zion Church

Charge to the Community
Rev. Al Sharpton
National Action Network

Charge to the Pastor
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Bethel Baptist Institutional Church

Impartation from a Mentor
Bishop Neil C. Ellis
Presiding Bishop, Global United Fellowship

The Covenant of Installation
The Installation Prayer
Bishop David Evans
Bethany Baptist Church

Laying on of Hands
Bishop Edgar Vann
Second Ebenezer Church

Bishop Walter Scott Thomas, Sr.
The New Psalmist Baptist Church

Bishop Timothy Clarke
First Church of God

The Presentations
Dr. Kerwin B. Lee
Berean Christian Church

The Holy Bible
Mrs. Flossie Varner

The Ring
Elder Keith Stanback
Chairman of Deacon’s Alliance

The Keys to the Church
Dr. I. V. Hilliard
New Light Christian Center Church

Worship Through Giving
The Board of Directors
Mr. Thomas W. Dortch, Jr., Chairman

Presentation of the Pastor
Dr. Jamal-Harrison Bryant, Pastor

Words of Appreciation
Pastor Antonio Matthews
Tabernacle of Praise

The Benediction
Total Praise by Richard Smallwood

Recessional
New Birth
In every generation, in every nation, God raises up ordinary men to achieve extraordinary exploits. Men from humble beginnings that understand the value of hard work and never hesitate to express gratitude along the way; Neil Clarence Ellis is one such man.

Born to parents with strong Christian values on the tiny island of Bimini, The Bahamas, Bishop Ellis is the seventh child of Mr. Clarence and the late Mrs. Elva Ellis. At the tender age of 11 years, his oratorical skills catapulted him into the national spotlight and won him a scholarship from former Prime Minister of The Bahamas the late Sir Lynden O. Pindling to attend one of the premier high schools in the capital city of Nassau. Upon graduation, he matriculated to the College of The Bahamas and served as President of the College of the Bahamas Union of Students (COBUS) and was the first inductee in the school’s Hall of Fame.

Bishop Ellis is known for his astute business and leadership skills and has been in leadership from age 19. This former businessman/general manager heard and accepted a higher calling to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ at a very early age. In February 1987 he and his wife organized Mount Tabor Union Baptist Church with 11 charter members. This marked the beginning of Bishop Ellis outstanding pastoral influence both locally and internationally. Bishop Ellis has emerged as the pastor of thousands at Mount Tabor Church and thousands more via his Internet Church, Mount Tabor Anytime. Each week his soul-stirring, life-changing, motivational, inspirational and revelatory messages are viewed on television, heard on radio stations and streamed on the internet.

As a pastor to pastors, He mentors a large number of pastors around The Bahamas and the United States and serves as a counselor and advisor to hundreds of pastors around the world. Bishop Ellis is passionate about the Word of God and its ability to transform lives and has travelled throughout The Bahamas, the Caribbean, North, South and Central America, Europe, Africa, Israel, Greece and Rome preaching the gospel. He has been recognized by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth of England for rendering distinguished services in Commonwealth nations. He has also shared his wisdom on spiritual matters in the 12 practical books he has authored that challenge, motivate and inspire readers.

For twenty years he served faithfully in various offices in the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International ranging from State Overseer to 2nd Presiding Bishop, an office that he held until his resignation in August, 2013.

In November, 2013 Bishop Ellis humbly answered the call to his global assignment making his influence visible globally with the launch of The Global United Fellowship, an international body of spiritual leaders, fellowships and congregations united to strategically plan, implement and execute transformative and generational change, as well as expand the Kingdom of God to all the nations of the world. It is for this reason he says, “I was born.”

He is the recipient of two honorary Doctorate of Divinity degrees from St. Thomas Christian College, Virginia Theological Seminary and College as well as an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Sojourner Douglas College. He earned his PhD in Covenant Leadership from New Covenant University.

He is also the recipient of the 2010 Trumpet Award for Spiritual Enlightenment and is the youngest living inductee in the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame located in Atlanta, Georgia. In 2010 his song, “Don’t Do It Without Me” was nominated for a prestigious Dove Award in the gospel music industry.

Bishop Ellis is married to the former Patrice Michelle Johnson and they along with their two children, Johnathan and Ranechea, reside in Nassau, Bahamas.
John Richard Bryant is the son of the late Bishop Harrison James Bryant and Edith Holland Bryant. He was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland and is a graduate of Baltimore City College High School and is a graduate of Morgan State University in his hometown. After college, Bishop Bryant joined the Peace Corps and served as a volunteer in West Africa from 1965 to 1967. He has taken seriously the words “study to show thyself approved...” Bishop Bryant received his B.A. in 1965 from Morgan State University, Master of Theology in 1970 from the Boston University School of Theology and a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1975 from the Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He also received several Honorary Doctoral Degrees from Wilberforce University, Paul Quinn College, Payne Theological Seminary, the Southern California School of Ministry, Virginia Seminary and his alma mater, Morgan State University. In addition, he was honored as an outstanding alumni of Boston University School of Theology and was inducted into the Baltimore City College High School Hall of Fame. Bishop Bryant was a Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellow and while pursuing his doctoral studies at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, he completed special studies at the University of Lagos [Nigeria] and the University of Ghana at Legon and served as a Peace Corp Volunteer. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...” is reflected in the witness of John Richard Bryant. He has pastored three churches, Bethel A.M.E. Church, Fall River, MA; St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Cambridge, MA; and Bethel A.M.E. Church, Baltimore, MD. Under his Pastoral Ministry, 103 men and women have entered the Christian Ministry. With an emphasis on church growth, community development and political empowerment, he has preached and/or taught on more than 35 college campuses and across five continents. Bishop Bryant has served on several denominational, academic, community, ecumenical boards and was the recipient of many awards. In 1988, John Richard Bryant was elected and consecrated the 106th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church at the General Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. He was assigned to serve in the 14th Episcopal District (West Africa) where he presided over 101 churches and 25 schools. During his administration, he expanded the A.M.E. Church to include the first Francophone, the Ivory Coast. While in West Africa, he was given the additional assignment of the 10th Episcopal District (Texas) in January 1991.

At the 1992 General Conference he was officially assigned to the 10th Episcopal District, where he presided over 300 churches and served as the Chairman of the Board of Paul Quinn College. Under his leadership, this historically Black Institution moved from probationary status to full accreditation and successfully raised $29 million dollars for the Capital Fund Drive. In July 2000, the Episcopal Committee of the 46th General Conference assigned Bishop Bryant to the 5th Episcopal District, where he presided over the A.M.E. churches in 14 states west of the Mississippi. Under his episcopacy, the 5th District partnered with businesses and banking institutions that resulted in the purchase of new homes by the members of the district valued at more than $100 million dollars. In addition, Bishop Bryant’s economic development initiatives resulted in several creative ventures, which included the construction of a new hotel in the St. Louis, MO area. In 2008, at the 48th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference, Bishop Bryant became the Senior Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and presided over the 4th Episcopal District which included seven (7) mid-western states, Canada and the AME India Annual Conference where the Lord allowed him and his wife, Rev. Dr. Cecelia Bryant, to officially bring the India Conference into the African Methodist Episcopal Church. At present, there are one hundred and sixty (160) churches in the AME India Annual Conference. Bishop Bryant is the recipient of many honors and awards including Ebony Magazine’s Honor Roll of Outstanding African-American Preachers and was recognized on their list of the 100 Most Influential Black Americans. He has published a collection of sermons entitled, “God Can: Sermons of Encouragement from the Life of Elijah.” He and his wife, The Rev. Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant are both the authors of “Healing For Wounded Vows.” Bishop Bryant has been a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. He preached the gospel for over 55 years and in July 2016 at the Historic 50th Session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Bryant’s request for retirement from the episcopacy of his beloved church was granted. Even though retired from active administrative duties he is still serving the Lord with gladness. Bishop Bryant is currently on staff at Payne Theological Seminary as a Mentor for the Doctor of Ministry Degree Program and he continues to preach the length and breathe of this nation. He loves to proclaim the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to compel men and women to acknowledge Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Bishop John and Rev. Dr. Cecelia Williams Bryant are the parents of Rev. Dr. Jamal-Harrison Bryant and The Rev. Dr. Thema Simone Bryant Davis and both are proud grandparents.
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