## BIOGRAPHICAL PORTRAIT OF THE REVEREND DR. WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, JR.



The Reverend William M. Campbell, Jr. was born in <u>Milton in eastern Pennsylvania</u> to the late Reverend W. Melvin and Edith J. Campbell, Sr.. Both were active in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He has lived in the country of Bermuda and the states of New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Georgia, Florida, Texas and now Maryland.

He has served as Pastor in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church where he engaged the church in global missional work in Jamaica, Kenya, and is presently leading the congregation in *completing the building of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Lilongwe, Malawi (20th Episcopal District).* Under his charge, members have also

prepared supplies for missions' trips to Kenya and Rwanda and have joined him on ministry trips to Capetown, South Africa.

Additionally, he has led congregations in renovating and purchasing homes to be used **for the local mission work of feeding and clothing the community.** In 2015, he led his 320 member congregation to provide food and clothing to 9,756 persons in the Bell County area with a total value of over \$160,000. Early in his pastoral journey, he worked with a global banks' community development division to finance the restoration of an aging and dilapidated house owned by the church. **Garth House became a place for feeding hot meals and giving away clothing one Saturday per month.** 

He is the founder of **FLAMING FIRE MINISTRIES** - a para-church global organization whose mission is *"to evangelize the lost, equip the believers, empower kingdom leaders, establish local churches and edify assemblies of Christ-followers."* Through this ministry he has conducted and participated in numerous mission trips regionally and globally to places such as New Orleans, Louisiana, and countries such as Jamaica, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Zambia, Swaziland, India, Rwanda and Kenya. *In Nakuru, Kenya, he helped to plant* 

*the first A.M.E. Church - Bethel - which has now spawned into thirteen churches in that country*. The ministry continues to provide financial and literary support through book donations to ministries and churches around the world. Additionally, the ministry serves as a collaborator to bring Kingdom partners into the field of missions. One of those partners has expended and invested nearly \$150,000 in the AME church in Kenya.

Since 1978, the Lord has allowed him to "share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through revivals, crusades, missions, conferences, seminars, books, teaching manuals, social media and technological tools." He is a prolific writer who has written several books and teaching manuals. Annually through the ministry, thousands of dollars of his materials are donated to churches and ministries around the world.

He attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia and holds an Associate of Arts degree from Manatee Community College in Bradenton, Florida; a Master of Divinity degree from the George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University in Waco, Texas; and a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Drew Theological School of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. **His doctoral thesis -** *Re-Envisioning the Mission and Vision of Anderson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church* - canonizes the local, regional, national and global missional nature of this church.