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Fortifying Our Foundation

Revival Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Order of Service

Praise and Worship
Music Ministry

Welcome and Scripture Rev. Dr. Timothy L. Adkins-Jones

Offering

Introduction of Speaker Rev. Dr. Timothy L. Adkins-Jones

Music Ministry

The Message Rev. Weldon McWilliams IV

Call to Discipleship

Benediction



Revival Speaker
Dr. Weldon McWilliams IV

Weldon McWilliams IV is a product of the Wappingers Central School District, in Wappingers Falls, NY, graduating in 1997. Received his B.A. in Africana Studies from SUNY Stony Brook in 2002; an M.A. in African American Studies from the Department of African American Studies at Temple University in 2004; and a PhD from the same department in 2010.

Since 2012 Dr. McWilliams has been a part of the History, Government and Economics Department at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, NY where he currently serves as an Associate Professor of History.

Dr. McWilliams has been a part of several community organizations. He is a founding member of the Rockland (County) Clergy for Social Justice, founding member of Black Lives Matter Rockland/Orange County Chapter, and also a member of the Spring Valley, NY branch of the NAACP just to name a few.

After serving as an Associate Minister under his father, Pastor Weldon McWilliams Jr., for 6 years, in December of 2017, Dr. McWilliams was voted in as pastor-elect of the Christ Temple Baptist of Paterson, NJ. He was installed as pastor in May of 2018 where he still serves as the spiritual leader today. Membership has doubled since McWilliams pastorate. He is not only committed to his church but also to the community in which it resides.

In December of 2018, Dr. McWilliams called for a mass meeting to be held at Christ Temple to address and create a Black Agenda in the city of Paterson. The meeting would lead to the creation of a grassroots organization, Platform Over Party. The mission is to address the numerous social ills within the Black community and address one issue at a time. Platform Over Party is currently leading the call for a Living Wage and a Guaranteed Income for Paterson residents who are hovering around or living below the poverty line. As a result of the organizations persistent work, it was recently announced that the city of Paterson will be a part of a guaranteed income pilot program.

Dr. McWilliams has served on several panels and served as speaker to many events nationwide. His research interests include Black Liberation Theology and the African American religious experience, Black Manhood, and Political and Social Movements.