

BIO FOR SUFFRAGAN BISHOP KEVIN DOBBS

Suffragan Bishop Kevin Dobbs answered the call of God to serve as the founder and pastor of the Christ Redemption Tabernacle Church in Niagara Falls, New York in September 1999, after serving in various capacities at Emmanuel Temple Apostolic Church for 23 years. He was the faithful Assistant Pastor at Emmanuel Temple under the leadership of District Elder William Robinson and founded by his father in the gospel, the late Bishop William Crossley. Bishop Dobbs was ordained in October 2000, by Diocesan Bishop Charles E. Davis at the New York State & Canada Council. Presently, Bishop Carl Lewis is the Diocesan of the New York State Council. Christ Redemption Tabernacle Church is affiliated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World Inc. of the Apostolic faith.

With humble beginnings, Bishop Dobbs along with his wife the Late First Lady Mary Ann Dobbs and their four children Nicole, Nicholas, Kevanne and Kary followed the faithful call to ministry with sacrifice and servitude by hosting services in the dining room of their home. Through the in-depth and sound teaching through home bible studies passionate conducted by Bishop Dobbs, more and more souls continued to be added daily to the body of Christ. God began to bless tremendously as the Dobbs home could no longer hold the congregation.

As Bishop Dobbs remained determined to keep the congregation together he conducted morning and evening services at a local hotel in Niagara Falls. The gospel of Jesus Christ continued to be preached and taught. Souls were being saved, set free, delivered and were being baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Healthy church growth has always been and remains the focus of Bishop Dobbs when it comes to 'Advancing the Kingdom'. His passion for souls, the family, and for restoring and revitalizing the Niagara Falls community has other ministers, clergy, and community leaders supportive of him and endeared by his perseverance and servants heart. Many have expressed... "he's a visionary, a great leader with great integrity; a kind man with humility and patience".

Bishop Dobbs loss his wife of 30 years, the late First Lady Mary Ann Dobbs in 2006. With the support, prayer and love of his children and Christ Redemption Tabernacle Church the work of the ministry continued and the Lord sent him a gifted and awesome woman of God Evangelist Dr. Norschenia W. Payne-Dobbs who would serve to be his wife/help meet to pursue the vision in November 2006. The two continue to operate as one with the spirit of excellence. In addition to his wife, Bishop Dobbs' family has expanded with Julian, Nora and his two wonderful daughter-in-laws Vicky Payne and Summer Dobbs. Bishop Dobbs and Lady Norschenia's family continues to expand presently with four grandchildren.

Bishop Dobbs, also known as the "Community Guy" as mentioned in the Niagara Gazette newspaper, serves on the Niagara Falls City School District Board of Education. He has served as

the President and Vice President of the Board. He's also serves as the President for the Niagara Falls Housing Authority Board of Commissions. Previously, he served as a Board Member for Heart, Love and Soul, an organization that feeds the poor in the community; as well as a Board Member for the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency. In January 2016, Bishop Dobbs along with his wife Norschenia, founded and established the Transformation Through Revitalization M.O.V.E Program. The M.O.V.E program is a community agency that assists individuals with re-entering the work force, and to help them get back to self-sufficiency. The T.T.R. M.O.V.E. program has a seventy-five percent success rate for job placement. He is the Vice-President of the Western Region of the New York State Council of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, and was most recently appointed and consecrated as a Suffragan Bishop for the Kenya District of the same organization in May 2016.

When asked what motivates Bishop Dobbs to continue to serve the Lord unreservedly and unselfishly, he remarked, "I simply want to preach and teach the Gospel and help transform lives. I believe I must deposit hope into the community wherever I go locally, state or nationwide. It's important for me to serve as a positive role model."