

# Dr. Edward O. Williamson, Pastor-Teacher



Dr. Edward O. Williamson has been serving as the pastor-teacher of the Bethel Baptist Church of White Plains, New York since 2004. He is a native of East St. Louis, Illinois. Dr. Williamson is married to Rev. Deborah A. Williamson. They have been married for over 30 years and they have two daughters, Stefanie and Jennifer.

Dr. Williamson was educated in the public school system of East St. Louis. He is a 1979 graduate of East St. Louis Lincoln Senior High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1983 from Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois and his Master of Arts degree in General Theological Studies from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri in 1999. He also completed one year of post-graduate theological studies at Eden Theological Seminary in St.

Louis, Missouri. He received the Doctor of Ministry Degree with an emphasis in Christian Education and Urban Ministry from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio in May of 2006.

Dr. Williamson answered the call to the gospel ministry in 1985 and was licensed to preach the gospel at the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church located in East St. Louis, Illinois, the late Rev. John H. Rouse, pastor. He was ordained in 1988 at Mt. Zion. Dr. Williamson served as an assistant to the pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in East St. Louis, Illinois for two years. Dr. Williamson served as pastor of the Southern Missionary Baptist Church located in Madison, Illinois for nine years. Served as the pastor of Beautiful Plain Baptist Church in Binghamton, NY for five years. He is a certified instructor and a certified dean of Christian education for the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. He formerly served as the Dean of Christian Education for the Central Hudson Baptist District Association and now serves as its Vice President of The Congress of Christian Education. Additionally, he serves as an assistant state dean for the Empire Missionary Baptist State Convention of New York. Dr. Williamson is the Regional Coordinator of the Northeast region of the Sunday School Publishing Board.

Dr. Williamson has held several occupations including serving as a district executive and senior district executive for the Boy Scouts of America, an intensive drug abuse probation officer in St. Clair County Illinois, and as clinical interventionist and aide in a mental health and chemical dependency treatment center.

Dr. Williamson currently is a member of the Ministers Fellowship Council of White Plains, Vice-Chairman of the board for the Thomas H. Slater Community Center, a member of the White Plains/Greenburgh Branch NAACP, Chaplain for the White Plains Public Safety Department, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. the Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter. Actively involved in many other community development and social service activities. Dr. Williamson has received numerous awards and recognition for his service to the church and community. His motto for life, ministry, the church, and the community is, **“We’re all in this together.”**