

## **Greater New Hope Baptist Church Officers' History**

New Hope Baptist Mission was established on November 23, 1933, by Rev. Chester L. Smallwood. Rev. Smallwood was appointed Pastor and eighteen officers were elected. Rev. Smallwood served as the pastor from 1933 until 1937, followed by Rev. Charles H. Hamilton.

In 1938 Rev. Charles H. Hamilton became the pastor of New Hope Baptist Mission. In 1953 under Rev. Hamilton's pastorship, the church was renamed Greater New Hope Baptist Church. Because of Rev. Hamilton's vision and insight, the church moved from 5<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, downtown to its present location 816 8<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC. Rev. Charles H. Hamilton served as the pastor from 1938 until 1982.

In 1985 Pastor Melvin G. Brown became the Pastor of Greater New Hope Baptist Church. Thanks be to God, he is still our present shepherd, and was consecrated to Bishop Melvin G. Brown in April 2009.

Each Pastor spiritually led and guided the church congregation with Christian love and dedication.

The History of the Church Board Trustees and Treasurers is as follows:

### **The Board of Trustees and the Treasurers**

In November 1933 Rev. Smallwood appointed a Trustee Board consisting of five Trustees and the Church Treasurer. Trustee Charles Granberry was appointed Chairman of the Trustee Board. The other Trustee Board members were: Precious Garrett, Louis Miller, George Quarles and Trustee Tyler. George Quarles was also appointed the first Church Treasurer.

Rev. Charles H. Hamilton made the decision to make the Trustee Board and Treasurers two separate entities.

Currently, the church can have up to 10 Trustees.

Bishop Melvin G. Brown, Pastor/Sr. Minister  
Rev. Roderic A. Baskin, Associate Minister  
Rev. Dr. Jerline Thompson, Associate Minister (sick & shut-in)

Deacon LeRoy Smith, Chairman of the Deacon Board  
Deacon Houston Holiday  
Deacon Bobb Elliott (sick & shut-in)  
Deacon Larry Postell (sick & shut-in)

Deaconess Lena Pollard, Chair of the Deaconess Board  
Deaconess Brenda Dawson, Vice Chair of the Deaconess Board  
Deaconess Linda Baskin  
Deaconess Betty Hedgepeth  
Deaconess Frances Upson  
Deaconess Jessie Williams  
Deaconess Ruth Priest (sick & shut-in)  
Mother Margaret Carter

Trustee Paulette Ellison, Chairperson of the Trustee Board  
Trustee Joy Hawkins, Vice Chairperson of the Trustee Board  
Trustee Renee Upson Galloway  
Trustee Chuck Hicks (sick & shut-in)  
Trustee Ronnie Johnson (sick & shut-in)  
Trustee Emeritus Geneva Dickerson

Roy L. Prince, Treasurer  
MaryAnn Tolbert, Asst. Treasurer

Lovie Hawkins, Corresponding Secretary  
Michelle Upson Waters, Church Secretary



## **Church Officer's Guide**



**We will follow our Leader, Christ Jesus, the Lord,  
We'll join in his praises with gracious accord;  
We'll all look to Heaven as a right blessed home,  
We'll all do our best whilst on earth we shall roam;  
Our Christian faith means we'll love each day  
And God bless us all, as we continue to pray.**