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**Ministerial Information**

Years in the Gospel Ministry: 48  
Years in the Fulltime Pastorate: 35  
Years in Teaching Systematic Theology: 26

**Education**

Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California:

**Bachelor of Arts Degree (1972)**

**Master of Arts Degree (1979)**

Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, California:

**Master of Divinity Degree (1978)**

**Doctor of Ministry Degree (1978)**

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California:

**Doctor of Philosophy Degree (2015)**

**Present Position**

***Senior Pastor***, First Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina (1996 – Present)

**Ordination**

Ordination Council of the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc., and the American Baptist Churches, USA, at Trinity Baptist Church, Los Angeles, CA (1978)

**Past Leadership/Ministry Positions**

***Area Director of Africa, Europe, and the Middle East***, American Baptist Churches USA, Inc., Valley Forge, Pennsylvania (1993 – 1996)

***Senior Pastor***, Trinity Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California (1985 – 1993)

***Assistant to the Pastor***, Trinity Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California (1979 – 1985)

***Senior Pastor***, Fourth Avenue Community Church (Martin Luther King, Jr. United Methodist Church), Los Angeles, California (1978 – 1979)

***Protestant Chaplain***, Wayside Honor Rancho (Peter Pitchess Honor Rancho), Castaic, California (1975 -1979)

***Protestant Chaplain***, Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, Downey, California (1973 - 1975)

### **Teaching Positions Past and Present**

***Facilitator & Lecturer***, North Carolina State University, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (*Encore Program for Lifelong Enrichment*)

***Guest Lecturer & S. Jameson (“Jamie”) Jones, Jr. Preacher***, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado

***Adjunct Professor***, Shaw University Divinity School of Theology, Raleigh, North Carolina

***Adjunct Professor***, Campbell University Divinity School, Buies Creek, North Carolina

***Instructor***, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, Mission Education Program, Washington, DC

***Dean and Adjunct Professor***, The Apex School of Theology, Apex, North Carolina

***Adjunct Professor & Spiritual Formation Facilitator***, Duke Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

***Adjunct Professor***, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Palmer Theological Seminary), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

***Adjunct Professor***, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California

***Adjunct Professor***, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, California

***Guest Lecturer***, Eastern College, St. David, PA

***Guest Lecturer***, Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas

***Guest Lecturer***, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee

### **Professional Affiliations Past and Present**

***Co-Chair***, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, North Carolina State University

**Member**, The National Society of Leadership and Success, Sigma Alpha Pi, Claremont Graduate university, 2016

**Member**, The Campbell University Divinity School, Board of Ministers, 2015

**Chair**, Programs Committee, Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women

**Chairman**, The Triangle Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee

**Member of the Conference Host Committee**, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Student Nonviolence Coordinating Committee (SNCC), April 15 -18, 2010

**Chairman**, Martin Luther King, Jr., State Commission of North Carolina

**Member**, Rotary Club of Raleigh, Rotary International

**Founding Sponsor**, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial

**Advisor**, Child Support Recovery Program, Raleigh, NC

**Co-Chair**, Convoy of Hope, Raleigh, NC

**Member**, Board of Directors, Hamlin Drug Company Centennial Celebration Committee, Raleigh, NC

**Member**, Board of Directors, Biblical Wellness Ministry, Raleigh, NC

**Member**, Community Advisory Board, Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Raleigh, NC

**Chair**, Social Action Committee, Gamma Sigma Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity

**Member**, Board of Directors, Pope House Museum, Raleigh, NC

**Co-Chair**, Congregations for Social Justice of Raleigh, NC

**Chaplain**, North Carolina Highway Patrol

**Co-Chair**, Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee, Raleigh, NC

**Chairman**, Management Committee and Management Team, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

**Member**, Civil Rights Exhibit Advisory Board, North Carolina Museum of History

**Member**, Human Resources and Human Relations Advisory Commission, Raleigh, NC

**Member**, African American Community Advisory Council, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

**Chairman**, Faith in Action Committee, Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, NC

**Member**, Advisory Board of Directors, African-American Cultural Complex, Raleigh, NC

**Member**, Steering Committee, Black Achievers Program, Garner Road YMCA, Garner, NC

**Member**, Steering Committee, Schleiermacher Study Group, American Academy of Religion

**President**, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Los Angeles, CA

**President**, Los Angeles Council of Churches, CA  
**Member**, Board of Directors, Los Angeles Urban League, CA  
**Chairperson**, Board of Directors, Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Los Angeles, CA  
**Vice President**, The Gathering of Greater Los Angeles, CA  
**Founder and Co-Chair**, Jefferson Park Improvement Project, Los Angeles, CA  
**Member**, Advisory Council of the National Conference of Christians and Jews  
Interreligious Council of Los Angeles, CA  
**Member**, Black Leadership Coalition of Los Angeles  
**Member**, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
**Member**, National Continuing Education Team, American Baptist Churches, USA  
**Member**, Board of Managers, American Baptist Churches of the Pacific Southwest  
**Board Member**, Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society, American Baptist Churches of the Pacific Southwest  
**Member**, Black Advisory Committee of the Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA

### **Honors and Awards**

**Certificate of Appointment for Service to the Great State of North Carolina as Member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission**, Governor Pat McCrory (June 10, 2015)

**Appreciation Award for Being the Charter Graduate Dean**, The Apex School of Theology, Durham, NC, (2013)

**Our "Trail Blazer" Pastor Award**, in recognition and appreciation of a life well spent as a mentor of First Baptist Church future leaders, community supporter and an advocate for social justice by the Youth of FBC, (2013)

**Man of the Year for Civil and Human Rights**, Spectacular Magazine, (2013)

**Guest of Senator Kay R. Hagan of North Carolina**, 61<sup>st</sup> Annual National Prayer Breakfast, Barack H. Obama, President of the United States of America and Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice President of the United States of America, (2013)

**Invocation**, The 56<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the North Carolina Electoral College, North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State, House Chamber, State Capitol, Raleigh, (2012)

***Certificate of Service***, State of North Carolina, Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue, in recognition of dedication to the Great State of North Carolina as Chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, (2012)

***City of Raleigh Fair Housing Award***, in recognition of ongoing support and community outreach, (2012)

***Special Remarks***, online exhibit, *A Change Is Gonna Come: Black, Indian, and White Voices for Racial Equality*, The North Carolina Museum of History, (2012)

***Church of the Year Award for Outstanding Service to the Community***, (recipient on behalf of First Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina)

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), (2011)

***Guest of Honor***, Capital City Sertoma Club's Eight Annual Celebrity Roast or Toast Affair, (2010)

***The Order of the Long Leaf Pine***, State of North Carolina, Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue, (2010)

***Award of Merit***, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., (2010)

***Citizen of the Year Award***, Raleigh, Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (2008)

***Ashanti Award***, Raleigh, Wake Citizens Association M-PAC, Raleigh, NC (2008)

***Man and Woman of the Year***, Omicron Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Raleigh, NC, with my wife Sharon, (2008)

***Social Action Honoree of the Year Award***, Eta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Raleigh, NC (2000 & 2006)

***Colonel's Certificate of Appreciation***, North Carolina State Highway Patrol (2004)

***The Gus Witherspoon Award in Religion***, Raleigh/Wake Pan Hellenic Council (2001)

***Grand Marshall***, The Jefferson Park Improvement Project, Inc. Los Angeles, CA (1999)

***Service to Mankind Award***, Capital City Sertoma Club, Raleigh, NC (1998)

***Distinguished Alumni Award*** (for lifetime accomplishments), Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA (1998)

***Visiting Research Fellow***, University of Edinburgh, Scotland and the Center for Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World (1996)

***Prophetic Witness Award***, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Los Angeles, CA (1991)

***Honoree***, Black American Political Association, Los Angeles, CA (1990)

***Community Architect Award***, 49<sup>th</sup> Assembly District California Legislature (1986)

***Certificate of Recognition***, “Courageous Dedication during Crisis involving Catastrophe and Human Need”, 28<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, CA (1985)

### **Travels**

USA, Africa, Asia, Canada, Europe, Russia & Soviet Union, South America

### **Family Life**

*Parents*, Dumas Alexander Harshaw, Sr. & Lois June Harshaw

(Both Deceased)

*Native Home*: Springfield, Illinois

*Wife*, Sharon Denise Stringer Harshaw (Married 1980)

*Two Daughters*, Denna Malesa Harshaw, Shanise Lauren Harshaw

*One Son*, Dumas Alexander Harshaw III

*Daughter-in-Law*, Any Jimenez Harshaw

*Son-in-Law*, Kevin C. Mark

*Three Granddaughters*, Kayla Marie Harshaw, Sophie Marie Harshaw, Gabrielle Julianna Mark

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