

† **HOMEGOING SERVICE** †
CELEBRATION
FOR

Dr. (Bishop) Abe Richardson, Jr.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2004
10:30 AM



Presiding Bishop of Living Faith Ministries, Inc.
1213 Hagan Street — Champaign, IL

Urbana Assembly of God
2502 South Race Street — Urbana, IL

Pastor Gary Grogan — Pastor & Officiant
Dr. (Apostle) Richard D. Henton — Eulogist

Biographical Sketch of Bishop Abe Richardson, Jr.



Background/Family: Born in Russell County, Alabama to the late Abe Richardson, Sr. and Pelmon Richardson who resides in Columbus, GA. He is the husband of Pastor Louise Richardson (January 2, 1988); He has two sons, Andre (Catrina) Richardson and Alan Richardson of Columbus, GA; three daughters, Jacqueline (Antonio) Peebles of San Antonio, TX; La Tonya (Dennis) Welch of Fairfield, TX; and LaMillia (Zaire) Hightower-Gordon of Champaign, IL; two brothers, William Richardson of Miami, FL and James Pinkins, Jr. of Unadilla, GA. Three sisters, Min. Ida (Bishop Robert) Williams, and Min. Debbie Brooks of Columbus, GA; and Janice (Min. Donald) Donahue of Stone Mountain, GA. Catherine Richardson, step-mother, resides in Phenix

City, AL and Mother Hattie Davis, his mother-in-law of Columbus, GA. Two sisters, Sarah Thornton and Ruby Abercrombie, preceded him in death. He has seven grandchildren; three Godchildren; seven aunts, six uncles, 3 sister/brother-in-laws, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends. Mother Peggy Peck of Dayton, OH was his spiritual mother. He has many spiritual children, spiritual brothers and sisters worldwide, including all of the members of Living Faith Ministries, Inc.

Education: Graduate of Spencer High School in Columbus, GA. Attended Southern Bell Telephone School of Technology in Atlanta, GA; Graduate of First Born Seminary and Training School in Waycross, GA in Christian Education (1985); Prescribed study in "Fiber Optic Cable Splicing" and "Buried Cable Locating and Repair" at Wabash Valley College (Illinois Eastern Community College). Bishop Abe received his Doctor of Divinity Degree, May 25, 1998, in a special graduation ceremony at the University of Illinois, during the Annual Fellowship Conference.

Profession: Formerly served as Telecommunications Technician III at the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign; Social Service Specialist (counseling alcohol and drug clients for veterans in Columbus, GA); had more than 25 years of experience in Telecommunications Technology. In June 2000, Bishop retired from the University of Illinois to become full-time in the ministry. He became the Presiding Prelate of Living Faith Ministries International Christian Fellowship, Inc. in 1994.

Church Affiliations: He became Spirit-Filled in 1973 at Cottonton First Born Church of the Living God, in Cottonton, AL. He successfully climbed the ecclesiastical ladder from deacon to pastor at William Temple First Born Church in Columbus, GA (named changed to Zion Tabernacle during pastorate) and Mt. Creek, AL. Prior to pastoring, served on Board of Trustees, Church Secretary, President of Home Mission, President of Youth and Young Adult Choir, Secretary for Deacon Board, Sunday School and YPCW teacher; District Sunday School Asst. Superintendent and Finance Committee, District Youth President, and Mid-South Diocese Finance Committee. He moved to Champaign, IL in 1989 (Apostle Larry Simmons) and joined Greater Holy Temple in Urbana, IL. Served on the Minister's Board, Instructor for Advance Class "Through The Bible In One Year," sang in the Adult Choir, Sunday School Teacher for the Men's Class, and Prayer Intercessor. Affiliated with Kenneth Copeland Ministries; PHIPA (Potter's House International Pastors Association) with Bishop T. D. Jakes; MICA (Monument International Churches Association) with Dr. (Apostle) Richard D. Henton; and also formerly served as Illinois State Representative for Azusa Fellowship.

He established Living Faith Ministries, Inc. in Champaign, IL November 3, 1991 (University of Illinois Campus Ministry) and served as the Pastor with his wife serving as Co-Pastor. He later appointed his wife, Dr. Louise Richardson, as the Pastor after being Consecrated as International Bishop in Shape, Belgium, May 18, 1994. (The Officiate was Bishop Anthony Hatcher of Faith Outreach Ministries of Mons, Belgium). Bishop

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Richardson served as the Overseer of Living Faith International Christian Fellowship, consisting of affiliating churches and ministries.

Community Involvement: W.E.F.T. Radio "Breaking of the Bread"; U of I Religious Leaders Association; Religious Leaders Concerned Care; Matthew House 18 Board Member and Godparent; Task Force Committee for East Central Illinois Promise Keepers; Volunteer for UATC (Urbana Adult Transition Center); Jesus Is The Way Prison Ministry (Vandalia Prison); Board of Director for Word of Christ Ministries and Abounding Love Ministries; Illinois State Department of Corrections Volunteer Chaplain; Champaign County Jail Chaplain; Volunteer Hospital Chaplain; National Day of Prayer Steering Committee; Pastors Prayer Network Steering Committee.

Accomplishments: As a result of celebrating Christmas and a Wedding Anniversary in Amersfoort, Holland and Paris, France - he and his wife were invited and sponsored in May '94 by U. S. Armed Forces (Belgium) and attended Euro-Spirit '94 in Amsterdam, Holland. They conducted the Family Enrichment Seminar at the Military Chapel in Shape, Belgium. Bishop Richardson was Consecrated as International Bishop, May 18, 1994 by Bishop Anthony J. Hatcher, Presiding Bishop of Faith Outreach Ministries of Mons, Belgium. Received invitations to facilitate Family Enrichment Seminars in Africa, Canada, Hawaii, Germany, and Italy; VIP guest of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland Ministries October '95; VIP guest of Shepherd's Inn Program '96 (5 days at 7 Acres Resort) by Apostle & Sis. Louis S. Greenup, Jr. and VIP Guest at numerous occasions. Bishop was invited to Nigeria and was interviewed by and ministered on TBN (Trinity Broadcasting Network) in Honolulu, Hawaii in January 2003, prior to a City Wide Revival and a Crusade in Nova Scotia, Canada.

School of Ministry: First Graduation Class for Living Faith School of Ministry was 2002.

Author/Publisher: Bishop Richardson is the co-author, with his wife, Pastor Louise Richardson, of "When a Husband Loves His Wife as Christ Loved the Church" (published April 2003), and is the author of "Right Covenant Relationships."

Governmental Awards: Presented the Key to the City of Detroit, Michigan with Resolution November 1993; Proclamations/Resolutions from the Governor's Office in Springfield, IL; and Mayors of Columbus, GA; Champaign and Urbana, IL for "Outstanding Community Service." Mayor McCollum declared November 17, 1996 as Abe Richardson's Day in Champaign, IL. Received Commendation Letter and Photos from President Clinton and Vice President Gore, for LFM Church Dedication Souvenir Program, August 31, 1998. Invited to the White House and the United States Capitol to participate in the 53rd Presidential Inaugural Ceremony at the swearing-in of President William J. Clinton and Vice President Albert Gore, Jr. Monday, January 20, 1997 in the City of Washington.

Living Faith Fellowship: Pastor DeArmond Mathews is pastor of Antioch Outreach Ministries in Richton Park, IL; Dr. (Pastor) Arvia Palmer is pastor of Jesus Is The Answer Ministries, Inc. in Washington, D.C.; Pastor Albert White is pastor of Abounding Love Ministries in Baton Rouge, LA; Pastors Jack & Chanda Jones are pastors of Faith in God Christian Deliverance Church in Orlando, FL. Pastor James Starks, Jr., pastor of New Testament Fellowship Church in Joliet, IL is a spiritual son. Bishop Richardson was in covenant relationship with the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Hammonds Plains, Canada under the pastorate of Reverend Lennett Anderson of Nova Scotia, Canada and Pastors Kelsey and Druscilla Lewis of Pacific Revival Center in Honolulu, HI. Bishop L. D. Skinner, Apostle Robert Smith, Reverend Gordon Thurber, Pastor James Williams and their precious wives are very special ministry friends.♥

Homegoing Celebration Worship Service

Friday, February 27, 2004

10:30 AM

Pastor Gary Grogan - Host Pastor & Officiant

Order of Service

ProcessionalClergy & Family

"Oh Give Thanks Unto the Lord"

Ministry of Music Jacqueline Peebles

*Scripture Readings Apostle Larry Simmons
Pastor Ernest Jones*

Prayer Bishop L. D. Skinner

"A Time To Celebrate" Evangelist Katherine Underwood

GREETINGS: (Please limit to two minutes)

*U of I CCSO; National Day of Prayer; Jesus is the Way Prison
Ministries; Mrs. Jewel Martin; & Mrs. Donna Tanner-Harold*

Video Memories of Bishop Abe Richardson, Jr.

*Pastor's Prayer Network; Fellowship Pastors; MICA;
Out of Town Guest Pastors, Relatives, & LFM Pastors.*

Tributes Sister Carla Norwood

Introduction of Speaker Evangelist Carolyn Henton

Ministry of Music Attorney Raychel Wesley

Eulogy Apostle Richard D. Henton

Parting Glimpse Apostle Robert L. Smith

Bishop's Pectoral Cross & Ring Pastor DeArmond Mathews

Final Prayer Pastor Gary Grogan



Immediately following Entombment, family members, LFM members, and out of town guests only, will return to Urbana Assembly of God for special fellowship.



The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me
to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.
One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion;
in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me;
He shall set me up upon a rock.

Psalm 27:1-5



Living Faith Ministries
Champaign, IL
Certificate
of
Appreciation

To

Bishop Abe Richardson, Jr.

For

Loving Me As Christ Loved The Church

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

(Printing Date of This Book)

Pastor Louise Richardson

Pastor Louise Richardson

To My Honey Bear

With Love♥

Thank you
Pastor and Mrs.
Gary Grogan
and the UAG
Family.



G - Great
A - Adorable
R - Remarkable
Y - Yielding

G - Godly
R - Radiant
O - Outstanding
G - Gracious
A - Admirable
N - Nice

Pastor Grogan, you have served as a Pastor to us. Thank you for standing with us from April 21, 2003 through now. Thanks Pastor Grogan for being a great friend to Bishop Abe, praying for him, sitting with him while I went on errands, and loving him as a brother. Thank you for the Bible studies, e-mails and calls.

urbana Assembly, thanks for the love offering in January, 04. It blessed us tremendously.

