



## **A Service of Ordination**

**in the**

**South Bahamas Conference**

**for**

Pastor Kareem Black

Pastor Lee Burrows

Pastor Raydel Duffis

Pastor Jamal Franklyn

Pastor Manasseh Simms

**at the**

Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church  
Nassau, New Providence, The Bahamas

Sabbath, September 24, 2022

at 4:30 p.m.

### **Officiating Ministers**

Pastor Peter Kerr, President, Atlantic Caribbean Union

Pastor Michael Smith, Ministerial Secretary, Atlantic Caribbean Union

Pastor Kent Price, Assistant to the President for Evangelism, Atlantic Caribbean Union

Pastor Henry Moncur, ADRA and Communication Director, Atlantic Caribbean Union

Pastor Kenny V. A. Deveaux, President, South Bahamas Conference

Pastor Leonardo D. K. Rahming, Executive Secretary, South Bahamas Conference

Pastor Michael Toote, Hillview SDA Church, South Bahamas Conference

## Order of Service

Musical Interlude ..... Musicians

Processional ..... Musicians

Ministers, and Ordinands and Their Families

### (Congregation Stands)

Hymn of Adoration ..... **368** ..... Pastor Nikita Thompson  
*Publishing Ministries Director, South Bahamas Conference*

### Watchman, Blow the Gospel Trumpet

**1**

Watchman, blow the gospel trumpet,  
Every soul a warning give;  
Whosoever hears the message  
May repent and turn and live.

#### Refrain

Blow the trumpet, trusty watchman,  
Blow it loud o'er land and sea;  
God commissions, sound the message!  
Every captive may be free.

**2**

Sound it loud o'er every hilltop,  
Gloomy shade and sunny plain;  
Ocean depths repeat the message,  
Full salvation's glad refrain.

**3**

Sound it in the hedge and highway,  
Earth's dark spots where exiles roam;  
Let it tell all things are ready,  
Father waits to welcome home.

**4**

Sound it for the heavy laden,  
Weary, longing to be free;  
Sound a Savior's invitation,  
Sweetly saying, "Come to me."

Call to Worship ..... Pastor Henry Moncur  
*ADRA and Communication Director, Atlantic Caribbean Union*

**Leader: Lord, who may dwell in Your sanctuary? Who may live on Your holy hill?**

**Congregation: He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous.**

**Leader: Send forth Your light and Your truth; let them lead me.**

**Congregation: Let them bring me to Your holy mountain.**

**Leader: Praise is rightfully Yours, God in Zion.**

Congregation: Vows to You must be fulfilled for You answer prayers.

**Leader: Happy the man You choose, whom You invite to live in Your courts.**

Congregation: How happy are the people who worship You, who live in the light of Your kingdom.

**Leader: Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, whose delight is in the law of the Lord.**

Congregation: Exalt the Lord our God and worship in His holy presence for the Lord our God is holy.

Scripture Reading..... **Jeremiah 1: 4-9** .....Pastor Peter Joseph  
*Personal Ministries Director, South Bahamas Conference*

Opening Prayer.....Pastor Michael Toote  
*Hillview, Hillside, and Seaview Churches*

Welcome ..... Pastor Leonardo Rahming  
*Executive Secretary, South Bahamas Conference*

Musical Praise .....Mrs. Nadia Rodriguez-Bueno  
*Guidance Counselor, Bahamas Academy*

Presentation of Candidates.....Pastor Kenny Deveaux  
*President, South Bahamas Conference*

Introduction of Speaker.....Pastor Kent Price  
*Assistant to the President for Evangelism, Atlantic Caribbean Union*

Musical Meditation.....South Bahamas Conference Pastors Chorale

Message.....Pastor Peter Kerr  
*President, Atlantic Caribbean Union*

Testimony of the Ordinands.....Pastor Kareem Black (Pastor Melvin Lewis)  
Pastor Lee Burrows (Pastor Peter Joseph)  
Pastor Raydel Duffis (Pastor Waldo Casildo Bennett)  
Pastor Jamal Franklyn (Pastor Paul A. Scavella)  
Pastor Manasseh Simms (Pastor Lynden Williams)

# **ACT OF COMMITMENT**

## **UNION PRESIDENT**

We are gathered together in the name of God and in accordance with the decision of our union to ordain as pastors, our brothers, Kareem Black, Lee Burrows, Raydel Duffis, Jamal Franklyn, and Manasseh Simms, who have been approved for the ministry of the Word and all the services of the church.

My brothers, a pastor is called to serve the people of God and to work with them in overseeing the church, promoting its mission, proclaiming the Gospel, and working for justice, mercy, and truth in the world. We believe that you have already considered these matters in the period of your preparation. We believe that you are determined to give yourself to ministry and focus all your energies in this one direction. In order that we may know your mind and purpose and that you may be strengthened in your determination to fulfill your ministry, you must answer these questions in the hearing of this congregation.

Do you believe that God has called you to serve as a pastor in His church?

## **ORDINANDS**

I believe with all my heart that God has called me.

## **CONFERENCE PRESIDENT**

Are you satisfied that the Bible is God's inspired word and that it contains all that is necessary for eternal salvation?

## **ORDINANDS**

I am satisfied, and I do believe.

## **CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Knowing and understanding all the doctrines espoused by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, are you in full agreement with them, and are you comfortably teaching them?

## **ORDINANDS**

With the help of the Lord, I am.

## **UNION MINISTERIAL SECRETARY**

Are you devoting yourself daily in prayer, to reading the Scriptures, and to such other studies that deepen your faith and increase your love in reverence and service to God?

## **ORDINANDS**

By the grace of God, I am.

## **UNION PRESIDENT**

Are you a custodian of the truth given by the Almighty God, and are you being very careful in dispensing such truth while renouncing all heresies and falsehood?

## **ORDINANDS**

The Lord being my Helper, I am.

### **CONFERENCE PRESIDENT**

Will you accept the guidance and discipline of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and submit yourself as a son in the gospel to those who are appointed to have authority over you?

### **ORDINANDS**

I will.

### **UNION MINISTERIAL SECRETARY**

Will you sustain and uphold your fellow pastors and take counsel with them? Will you guide and strengthen the elders and officers who minister in the church?

### **ORDINANDS**

The Lord being my Helper, I will.

### **CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Will you, for Christ's sake, be merciful and caring toward the young; and visit and care for the sick in hospital and at home, the discouraged, the disconsolate, and bereaved persons who are under your charge?

### **ORDINANDS**

By the help of God, I will.

### **UNION PRESIDENT**

It is your duty to watch over and pray for all those committed to your care; to teach them, preaching in the name of God and interpreting the Scriptures; to govern the church after the example of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and as outlined in the Holy Scriptures; to know your people and to be known of them; to guide those who serve with you and enable them to fulfill their ministry, and to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the flock of Christ and all people everywhere for hereunto were you called. Receive now the Word of God.

**(The conference president will give the pastors a copy of the Holy Scriptures.)**

May Almighty God, who gives you the will to do all these, grant you grace and power to perform them that He may complete the good work He has begun in you and keep you faithful unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**(The union president addresses the congregation as they stand.)**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the solemn pledge of our brothers approved for ordination. On behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist World Church, please signify your approval. Is it the will of the people that these brothers be ordained as pastors in this church?

### **CONGREGATION**

Yes, we consent and commend them to the care and protection of the Holy Spirit.

**UNION PRESIDENT**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit abide with you. Amen.

**(The ordinands are escorted to the platform while the congregation sings.)**

Hymn of Consecration.....**306**.....Pastor Wilson Isnord  
*Francophone and Ebenezer Churches*

**Draw Me Nearer**

**1**  
I am Thine, O Lord, I have  
Heard Thy voice,  
And it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms  
of faith  
And be closer drawn to Thee.

**Refrain**  
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord.  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

**2**  
Consecrate me now to Thy  
service, Lord,  
By the power of grace divine;  
May my soul look up with a  
steadfast hope,  
And my will be lost in Thine.

Prayer of Consecration.....Pastor John Carey  
*Retired Pastor, South Bahamas Conference*

Charge .....Pastor Paul Scavella  
*Centreville Church*

Presentation of Certificates ..... Pastor Leonardo Rahming

Welcome to the Ministry .....Pastor Michael Smith  
*Ministerial Secretary, Atlantic Caribbean Union*

Greeting of Newly Ordained Pastors .....Union President  
Conference President  
Other Ordained SDA Pastors

Newly Ordained Pastors' Response .....Pastor Jamal Franklyn  
*Youth Director, South Bahamas Conference*  
Pastor Kareem Black  
*South Andros and Mangrove Cay District*

Greeting of Wives of Newly Ordained Pastors ..... Mrs. Jennifer Kerr  
*Shepherdess Coordinator, Atlantic Caribbean Union*

Special Music ..... Shepherdesses

Closing Hymn .....**202**..... Pastor Manasseh Simms  
*Ephesus and Peardale Churches*

**Hail Him the King of Glory**

**1**

Tell it to every kindred and nation,  
Tell it far and near;  
Earth's darkest night will fade with the dawning,  
Jesus will soon appear.

**Refrain**

Hail Him the King of glory,  
Once the Lamb for sinners slain;  
Tell, tell the wondrous story,  
"Jesus comes to reign."

**2**

Nations again in strife and commotion,  
Warnings by the way;  
Signs in the heavens, unerring omens  
Herald the glorious day.

**3**

Children of God look up with rejoicing;  
Shout and sing His praise;  
Blessed are they who, waiting and watching,  
Look for the dawning rays.

Benediction ..... Pastor Lee Burrows  
*Living Hope and Lowe Sound Churches*

**(The congregation will greet the newly ordained pastors in the receiving line.)**

## Ordinands' Biographies

### Pastor Kareem Black

Pastor Kareem Black was born and raised on the island of New Providence. He is the youngest of four children born to Kingsley and Sheila Black. He became a baptized member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on March 8, 2008, during the Sweet Redemptive Crusade with Evangelist J. Wilmoth James. Before sensing a call to pastoral ministry, he served in various capacities at his home church, the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church. He also served as outreach coordinator for the Bahamas Youth Initiative for Christ.



Pastor Black studied at Northern Caribbean University in Mandeville, Jamaica where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in religion and theology with an emphasis in pastoral ministry (2011 – 2015). He is presently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in pastoral counseling (2019-present) at Fuller Theological Seminary.

As an intern, Pastor Black has served in the following assignments: the Living Faith and Cat Island District (February 2016); the Grants Town Seventh-day Adventist Church (March – July 2016); evangelist and Bible worker (August – October 2016); the New Englerston and Francophone Districts (November 2016 – April 2017); and the Johnson Park and Gambier Districts (May – June 2017). Since July of 2017, Pastor Black has served the South Andros & Mangrove Cay District as resident pastor. From the time of Pastor Black's internship to now, he is credited with having led over 170 precious souls to Christ as an evangelist and Bible worker.

Pastor Black and his wife, Caresa, have been married for five (5) years. He states, "My wife and I are humbled by the privilege and responsibility of serving God and His people. We strongly believe that our best days of ministry are ahead of us. We are confident that the same God that has led and used us in times past is preparing us for our current and future assignments. By God's grace, wherever He leads, we will follow."



## **Pastor Lee Burrows**

Lee Anthony Burrows was born at the Princess Margret Hospital, Nassau, Bahamas, on May 25, 1989. He is the last child of Anthony Burrows and Lavonda Spears and the sibling of two older sisters, Tamara Dixon and Latahara Forbes, both married; one younger sister, Andrell Burrows, and one younger brother, Anthony Burrows Jr. Lee is married to the love of his life, his wife of two years, Deion Abike Burrows.



As a child, Lee attended Bahamas Academy from kindergarten to twelfth grade. During these formative years, he enjoyed physical education and sports. However, it was during Lee's senior year that he heard the call of God to become a pastor. As a result, he applied to and was accepted at Northern Caribbean University in Jamaica where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion and theology.

Lee embarked on a journey of pursuing his new calling; and during his time at university, his relationship with God and those around him grew. After completing the program in 2012, Lee returned to the Bahamas and worked briefly as a sound engineer, radio host, and operations manager. Although he worked well in these fields, Pastor Burrows embraced anew his passion for being a pastor and rededicated himself fully and faithfully to the ministry to which he was called.

In 2015, Pastor Burrows was hired by the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as a Bible worker, then as a ministerial intern in 2016. He has served in this capacity at fifteen churches covering eight districts throughout The Bahamas. He has conducted several evangelistic series where, through the power of the Holy Spirit, he led eighty-two (82) people to accept Christ as their Lord.

Pastor Burrows currently serves in the North and Central Andros district which covers the Lowe Sound and Living Hope Churches, and the Red Bays Company. Pastor Lee Burrows is excited about what God has planned for his ministry in the future.

## **Pastor Raydel Duffis**

Pastor Raydel Anthony Duffis, the eldest of four children, is from the strikingly beautiful country of Costa Rica. He is married to his devoted and loving wife, Charlotte of twenty-three years, and together they have two children: Roydel Anthony Duffis Newball and Oliney Mishel Duffis Newball.



In 2001, Pastor Duffis obtained a bachelor's degree in theology at Central American Adventist University (Universidad Adventista de Centro America - UNADECA), a Seventh-day Adventist co-educational university located in Alajuela, Costa Rica. He has pastored many churches in various districts and countries for over eleven years, including the Pacuarito Church in Costa Rica and the Los Guidos Church in Nicaragua.

His favorite Bible text is James 4:7 which says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." It is through his submission and obedience that God has been using Pastor Duffis to spread the gospel through sermons and over a hundred crusades where God's power has won over a thousand souls for Christ.

Pastor Duffis currently serves as the pastor of two great churches, Living Faith and La Senda de la Vida, where he is deeply committed to the work and service of the Lord. His priority is to press toward the mark for the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus as our Lord continues to use him in a mighty way.

## **Pastor Jamal Franklyn**

The lives of Godly parents instilled in Pastor Jamal to always pursue a life of Godly purpose. Under the preaching tutelage of his mother, Marvalee, he has been sustained by the fervent prayers of his father, Lemuel; siblings, Miguel, Danielle, and Jeuel; gran, family, church aunties, uncles, mentors, and his prayerful partner in ministry, his wife, Evelyn.



When he was seven years old, Jamal was invited to preach his first sermon in his home church, Advent Avenue in Barbados. At the age of 10, he preached in his first one-week evangelistic campaign in Barbados, leading 14 precious souls to Jesus. That same year, God established a missionary project called ASI Mission 2000 and Beyond which took Jamal and other young people across the Caribbean, Europe, and Central America to preach the gospel. His heart is eternally grateful to God and the organizers of this missionary organization, now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, for preparing him for full-time pastoral mission and ministry.

In 2006, the East Caribbean Conference launched the Mega Fest program, a one-week youth evangelistic series at the national gymnasium. Sixteen-year-old Jamal Franklyn was asked to be the speaker. God used this opportunity to publicly confirm His call on Jamal's life for pastoral ministry as 134 precious souls accepted Jesus and were baptized at the end of that week. This moment was made more special as the last candidate to be baptized was his only sister, Danielle.

Further answering the call to full-time pastoral ministry, Jamal completed a Bachelor of Arts in theology at Montemorelos University (Universidad de Montemorelos) in Mexico and a Master of Arts in intercultural studies from Columbia International University in South Carolina. In addition, he possesses specializations in missions, youth, chaplaincy, education, and music. Pastor Franklyn is also multilingual, and in 2013, he led a mission project with 22 students from Montemorelos University

to plant the first SDA Spanish Church in Nassau, Bahamas called La Senda de La Vida. In 2016, he was called to pastor this Spanish church, and in 2018, it was accepted into the sisterhood of churches at the conference session.

In the trenches of ministry in Mexico, Pastor Franklyn planted small groups and centers of influence. He started numerous church plants, built churches, conducted scores of evangelistic series, lectured, served as an academy chaplain, and survived car accidents, robberies, detainments, narco gunfights, and food poisoning to name a few. Despite it all, he understood the attacks of the enemy were inevitable because of his calling to advance the work of building up the kingdom of God and preparing candidates for eternity with Jesus. Throughout his pastoral ministry, more than 2000 souls have been baptized with 225 of those souls won for the kingdom in The Bahamas during his time as the pastor of the La Senda de La Vida, North Andros, Bethany, and Johnson Park churches.

Pastor Franklyn is married to his queen, best friend, travel partner, and mission teammate, Evelyn Cang, a nutritionist, educator, pianist, and missionary. Their mission is to serve humanity with integrity, equipping missionary disciples to win souls for God's kingdom. In ministry, they cling to the promise that "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have served His people and continue to serve them." Hebrews 6:10.

## **Pastor Manasseh Simms**

Born on May 1, 1986, in Nassau, Bahamas, Manasseh is the only son of Vincent Charles Simms of North Andros and the late Etta Leola Simms of South Andros. He is the last of three children born to the couple with his two older sisters being Tiffany Simms and Veola Sophia Simms.

A graduate of Bahamas Academy Secondary School and Northern Caribbean University (NCU), Manasseh Simms is a product of Adventist education. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion and theology from NCU and is currently enrolled at Liberty University in the Master of Divinity program. He has a passion for teaching and looks forward to sharing his knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ.



From an early age, Manasseh loved connecting with people of all backgrounds. This trait brought him much enjoyment during his time in the classroom and prepared him for his interactions with his parishioners. Early in ministry, he discovered that a down-to-earth teaching style was his niche in presenting the gospel.

In 2013, Manasseh was employed by the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as a ministerial intern. He served in this capacity at the La Senda de la Vida, Centreville, Bethany, and Francophone Seventh-day Adventist churches where he gained invaluable experiences firsthand in ministry. Upon completing his internship in 2016, he was assigned to serve the Eleuthera District which he faithfully did for five and a half years. During his tenure in Eleuthera, he also served as a mentor in an after-school boys-to-men program at the Emily Georgania Petty Primary School located in Governor's Harbour where he was able to minister to at-risk youth along with starting an online ministry called "Ask Pastah Nassah."

Following the call to ministry while studying at NCU, Manasseh began a relationship with a ministry-minded young lady by the name of Kenisha Hanson. On October 29, 2017, at the Berea

Seventh-day Adventist Church, they were wed in holy matrimony. They currently have no children, but plans are in the making to increase the family in due time.

In 2021, Pastor Simms was assigned to the Ephesus and Peardale Churches in New Providence where he ministers through preaching/teaching, counseling, and helping those in need. His down-to-earth approach to the gospel has found him being invited to speak throughout The Bahamas and in countries like the United States, Canada, and Jamaica. Through his preaching in public evangelistic campaigns, Bible studies, and teaching, approximately 120 people have given their lives to Jesus and accepted Him as Lord and Savior.

Pastor Simms currently serves on the executive committee of the South Bahamas Conference. Prior to pastoring, he served as the president of the Northern Caribbean University International Student Association at NCU where he gained experience with leading and connecting people from different backgrounds and countries. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, exploring new ideas and places, engaging in stimulating discussions, and socializing with new people. He also does weight training, boxing, and calisthenics as forms of exercise.

Pastor Simms is convinced that ministry is where God has called him to be, to utilize his gifts of teaching and meeting new people to expand the kingdom of God by making disciples of Jesus not just in The Bahamas, but the world.



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