

Biography of Pastor Richard E. Barron

Pastor Richard Barron has been blessed to have served God and his cause for approximately 60 years in the following positions: local church pastor/evangelist and departmental director for both local and Union conferences. He was the first African American elected to the General Conference Department of Youth Ministries (on two separate occasions). He also served as Conference President and Ministerial Director in the Bermuda Conference. Pastor Barron has also accepted invitations to serve as an international youth revivalist for the world church.

Pastor Barron was married to the late Vivian Steel, of Battle Creek, MI., for 56 years. He is the father of three grown daughters who have blessed him with four grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

During retirement, he is engaged in evangelistic initiatives as he believes it is God's desire in love to reach all of us regardless of where we are or what we are doing. He gives all praise and glory to God for every ounce of health and strength that enables him to love life, to enjoy a good laugh, and give thanks even for those times when he has had to cry. When asked why at this age and stage of his life he continues to serve the church as an international evangelist his ready response is, "with the imminent return of Christ upon us it is best to be used up proclaiming the good news of God's loving power to save the lost, rather than to sit idly by and watch the parade of unrepentant sinners on the death march to Christless graves."

He longs for the day when God's last day church will put off its country-club attraction and all true believers will represent Christ to the world in their walk and in their talk. Until then he appeals to God's children at home and abroad to be obedient to our Heavenly Father and faithful in all that He requires.