

THE REVEREND DOCTOR KEITH IVAN JONES

With a theology grounded in God's Word, a social justice understanding forged by his Chesapeake and Hampton Roads rearing, discipline shaped by 28 total years of military service and a love for God's people flowing from his understanding of Christian discipleship, The Reverend Doctor Keith Ivan Jones, is a seasoned preacher and teacher, a committed pastoral caregiver and a staunch social justice advocate. He is a noted trainer, skilled in a wide variety of disciplines, a passionate preacher and teacher of God's Word, and a deeply committed caregiver for God's people.

As pastor, he led innovative programs that nurtured and supported the entire community, for 18 years. From clothing closets to food distribution, to Community Service Days, to vaccinations and healthcare offerings, Dr. Jones inspired the church to minister outside of its walls.

The 57th President for the Tidewater Metro Ministers' Conference, he is also a Diamond Life Member of the NAACP and served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, a statewide social justice network that impacts public policy for those who are otherwise voiceless and was integral to abolishing Virginia's death penalty. Reverend Jones also sits on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and is the Southeast Region Coordinator for the National Baptist Convention, USA, Incorporated, coordinating disaster relief and church support for hundreds of congregations.

Pastor Jones earned a Master of Education in Counseling from Virginia State University, a Master of Divinity from the School of Theology at Virginia Union University and a Doctorate of Ministry in Marriage and Family from the Eastern Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He is professionally certified as an instructor for Grief Recovery and Mental Health First Aid and holds other certifications in marriage and family interventions, clinical pastoral counseling, resource management, suicide intervention, organizational effectiveness, crisis intervention, domestic violence intervention and substance abuse counseling.

The former Director of Counseling for Hampton University, he offers pastoral care, professional development training, crises support and spiritual counseling to those in need. A past Secretary of the NSU National Alumni Association, Pastor Jones is also listed in the NSU Military Alumni Hall of Fame. A retired Army Chaplain, he is a veteran of many combat and peace keeping deployments. He just celebrated his second anniversary with his bride, Hester.

He preaches and teaches the Gospel of God's grace and tries to practice grace giving in his daily life.