

RICHARD JAMES SR

Pastor Richard James Sr. is a native of Barbados. He joined the Seventh-Day Adventist church almost fifty years ago. He grew up in the church and served in many departments. He felt the call to ministry during his early years in the church, and with the support and encouragement of his church members he entered Caribbean Union College, now the University of the Southern Caribbean to pursue his calling to ministry.

After graduation he began his ministerial working as an intern in 1986. During his two-year internship he was involved in many evangelistic series, working with local pastors along with visiting evangelist like Don Crowder, and Charles Brooks. After his internship he was assigned to a six churches district where he served for three years before being assigned as the Publishing Director of the East Caribbean Conference.

After four years as Publishing director, Pastor James moved from Barbados to USA to further his studies at Andrews University Seminary where he pursued the Master of Divinity degree and graduated in 1994. After graduation from Andrews University, he joined the United States Army on Active duty and served as a Army Chaplain for seven years. After active-duty, Pastor James returned to full time ministry. He Pastored for several years in Florida and Maryland before joining the United Hope SDA church family, formerly Irvington SDA church. Before coming to Irvington Pastor James served a one- year combat tour in Kuwait and Afghanistan. During his tenure in Florida, Pastor James went back to academia and pursued an MA and PhD in Psychology. Pastor James loves ministry and his greatest joy comes from ministering to the people of God. He truly understands and values the church. One of his favorite bible passages is Psalm 127:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, come let us go into the house of the lord." It is his love for the Lord and His church, that has formed and continues to guide his life. Pastor James has two adult children, Richelle and Richard Jr.

He is looking forward to the current church expansion and seeing the house of God completed. This will enable the members of the United Hope SDA church to fully assume their mission of evangelizing its new community.