



## *Reverend Wendell Anthony*

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Reverend Wendell Anthony is a native of St. Louis, Missouri. He was educated in the Detroit Public School system. He graduated from Wayne State University with a B.A. in Political Science, and Marygrove College with an M.A. in Pastoral Ministry. He also attended the University of Detroit for advanced study in Black Theology. Reverend Anthony is also a Certified Social Worker with the State of Michigan. He became the Pastor of Fellowship Chapel in December of 1986 following the passing of Reverend James E. Wadsworth, Jr. Through the grace of God and the labor of his ministry, the church has experienced the greatest growth in its 40 year history. Through its James E. Wadsworth, Jr. Community Center, Fellowship Chapel has a full-time Outreach Ministry with programs ranging from computer programming, adult education, narcotics and alcoholics anonymous, homeless assistance, Education 2000 (tutoring from elementary through college), job training and placement, special SAT and ACT college preparation training, and much more. Reverend Anthony is the developer of the Isuthu Institute (Coming into Manhood Program) for boy's ages 6-18, dealing with black male responsibility. It is one of the oldest mentoring programs of its kind in the country. He also initiated the Intonjane Institute (Coming into Womanhood Program) for girls ages 6-18.

Reverend Anthony has traveled extensively throughout Africa. He leads a group from Detroit each year on a special pilgrimage to visit the roots of African-Americans and to establish cultural ties between Detroit and Africa. In 1990, Reverend Anthony served as a special delegate with the Religious Action Network to South Africa representing clergy from across the country. He held a meeting with the African National Congress, South African Council of Churches, Nelson Mandela, Bishop Desmond Tutu, and Reverend Allan Bosesak to discuss political and social conditions inside South Africa. He has preached in churches in both West and South Africa and the Caribbean. In March of 1996, Reverend Anthony founded the Fellowship Chapel Health Care Clinic in Cape Coast, Ghana, providing medical service to children and adults throughout the central region. Reverend Anthony served as Co-Chairman of the International Mandela

Freedom Tour to the City of Detroit, 1990. He is a member of several boards and councils inside the City of Detroit. Reverend Anthony has received numerous local and national awards.

In 1993, Reverend Anthony organized and led a march of over 250,000 persons in the City of Detroit to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the March of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to Detroit in June of 1963. This march occurred before the historical march in August of that same year. This was the largest march organized for this purpose since 1963. In June of 2003, Reverend Anthony, along with thousands of supporters commemorated the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this march with a re-enactment march down Woodward Avenue in Detroit. . Reverend Anthony is the former Co-Chair of the Detroit Fair Banking Alliance, responsible for negotiating over \$7.2 billion in economic development with local banking institutions. In March of 1996, Reverend Anthony founded the Fellowship Chapel Health Care Clinic in Cape Coast, Ghana, providing medical service to children and adults throughout the central region. Reverend Anthony has served as a member of the Detroit Building Authority since 1994, overseeing the construction and various building programs within the city of Detroit.

Reverend Anthony is currently serving his 8<sup>th</sup> term as President of the Detroit Branch NAACP, the largest branch in the country.

He is also the founder of the Fannie Lou Hamer Political Action Committee. This is a grassroots activist organization supporting issues and candidates both locally and nationally with an 80% success rate for endorsed candidates.

On June 5, 2005, Reverend Anthony led his congregation, community and business leaders, government officials, supporters and well-wishers in a procession to the new Fellowship Chapel, call *The Village*, for its grand opening and inaugural worship service. The Village will contain the new church and soon to be developed 140 units of single-family homes and condominiums as well as the James E. Wadsworth, Jr. Community Center. This is a \$40 million dollar project which will result in the building of a new community.

In September 2005, Reverend Anthony married First Lady Monica G. Anthony. On May 12, 2007, Reverend Anthony was the keynote speaker for the 2007 Graduate Class of Marygrove College. The Board of Trustees conferred upon Reverend Anthony the degree of Honorary Doctor of Arts.