

# City native Pressley lands new job in Capital City

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Rev. Carlton N. Pressley, a native of Winston-Salem, has been appointed by Washington, D.C. Mayor Anthony A. Williams to be his senior adviser for religious affairs. Pressley is an associate minister of New Jerusalem Baptist Church, where the pastor is the Rev. Samuel J. Cornelius.

The appointment of Pressley was followed by an installation service in which Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr. delivered the keynote address and Cornelius gave the charge to Pressley. The host pastor was the Rev. H. Beecher Hicks Jr. of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Pressley answered the call to preach in October 1990 and was ordained by the Bishop George Dallas McKinney and The High Point Baptist Association ordination board in June 1994. He is president and CEO of Premier Growth Investments, LLC.

Pressley obtained a bachelor of arts degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C., and a master of theology degree from Charles H. Mason School of Religion in San Diego, Calif. He obtained a law degree from the National University of San Diego School of Law in California and further studied law at the University of Rome School of Law in Italy and the University of Regensburg in West Germany.

Pressley's work experience includes service in the U.S. Attorney's Office, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office and the Lieutenant Governor's Office.

He was the deputy campaign manager for the Committee to Elect Robin Hudson to the N.C. Court of Appeals and served as legislative counsel to Sen. Frank W. Balance.

During the second term of President Bill Clinton, he

appointed Pressley as director of communication to the under-secretary of commerce.

Pressley serves as a senior adviser to the mayor of Washington, D.C. Pressley has served on a number of civic and community boards and organizations. He is a life member of the NAACP, a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., a former member of the National Bar Association, former member of Capitol City Lawyers Association, Salem Lodge 139, King Solomon's Consistory 64, a Shriner of Sethos Temple 170 and a member of the United Supreme Council, having obtained his 33rd degree, which is the highest degree one can obtain in Masonry.

Pressley was featured in Ebony Magazine as one of 30 Future Leaders of America. He also was recognized in the national magazine Attitudes as one of the "Successful Black Men on the Move."



Carlton Pressley addresses the media during a recent news conference. To his right is his new boss, Anthony Williams, the mayor of Washington, D.C.



Left: Maurice Horsey with his wife, Judy. Right: Jerry Herman presents Horsey with a gift from the Greater Winston-Salem YMCA.



## Horsey

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bright smile.

Michael Suggs, the chairman of the Y's board, served on the selection committee that chose Horsey to head the Winston Lake Y.

"We were looking for a particular type of individual. We saw Maurice as the perfect fit. The Y is in a better position

today than when he got here," Suggs said.

Suggs credits Horsey with turning the branch into a community-centered Y while at the same time increasing membership. Horsey also was applauded for building bridges. Although the Winston Lake Y has a membership that is overwhelmingly black, Horsey has fostered diversity. A Hispanic church meets at the Y each week, and the Y's award-win-

ning swim team holds regular practices at the branch.

Suggs and other members of the Y's board will be charged with choosing someone to fill Horsey's shoes at the Y. Horsey said he will always be a part of the Winston Lake Y. He said he will continue to work out there and lend assistance to anyone at the branch who asks for it.

"I really do have a desire to see this Y be the best Y," Horsey said.

Horsey said he hopes that Winston-Salem will see some benefits from his new job. He is already vowing to do his part to bring a large conference to the city in 2003. The conference is one of the ways the YMCA will celebrate the 150th anniversary of providing services to blacks. Horsey said Winston-Salem would be the ideal spot for the conference for many reasons, including the fact that the 2003 National Black Theatre Festival would coincide with the conference's schedule.

## Jackson

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ers, especially if they were wealthy, received larger settlements that were paid for by those paying higher premiums.

He said door-to-door salesmen used two sets of books, one for blacks and poor whites and one for wealthy whites.

"Liberty Life and 80 insurance companies kept two sets of books," Jackson said. "And blacks paid more and got less."

The agency has asked the company to increase the value of its policies held by blacks 33.3 percent.

A company lawyer said Liberty Life tried to set up a plan that would raise the policies value. But Columbia lawyer Frank Ellerbe said a

judge blocked that effort because of a related lawsuit against the company.

The practice of companies charging blacks more dates back to when owners insured slaves, Jackson said. Companies have updated their policies but are still profiting from older policies, he said.

"Even firms who stopped 20 years ago are still making a profit," Jackson said.



Horsey poses with longtime friend of the Winston Lake Y, Mo Lucas.



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