

"Children...Honor your father and mother...that it may be well with you." Ephesians 6:1-3

The Indian Honor Association of Robeson County Honors These Indian Elders:

PURPOSE

The purposes for the organization are as follows: to promote honor and respect for Indian elders by their families and communities by recognizing the elders for their family's full participation in the electoral process of Robeson County in all primary and general elections and to encourage eligible Indian people and the public at large without regard to race, creed, sex, or national origin to register and vote in all elections.

Our Spiritual Leaders of the Gospel



Rev. Hilton Deese
(Fairmont #1 Precinct)

Rev. Deese has served as pastor of Macedonia Methodist Church for ten years. His special recognition and awards include a number of plaques and letters of appreciation.



Rev. Oscar Cummings
(Lumberton #7 Precinct)

Rev. Cummings was licensed to preach in 1951. He has served as pastor of the following churches: New Philadelphus, Branch Street; Sandy Plains (Associate Pastor); and Lighthouse. He is a United Methodist.



Rev. Jerry R. McNeill
(Rennert Precinct)

Rev. McNeill was licensed to preach in 1981 and was ordained in 1982. He is pastor of Riverside Independent Baptist Church. He is also Principal of Riverside Christian Academy.

His special recognition and awards include Plaques of Appreciation from Riverside Christian Academy and Plaques of Recognition for support for the McNeill Quartet.



Rev. Tilford Locklear
(North Pembroke Precinct)

Rev. Locklear was ordained in 1966 and became pastor at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He served there for three years. He then served as pastor of Burnt Swamp Baptist Church and was serving there during the construction of the new church.

He has served as Training Union Director for the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association for several years and received several awards and plaques for his service to Burnt Swamp Church.



Rev. Vardell Swett
(South Pembroke Precinct)

Rev. Swett served with the following churches: Panchoekie Congregational Church in Kingston, NY from 1953-56; Eastside Congregational Church of Binghamton, NY, 1956-60; Honeoye Congregational in Honeoye, NC, 1960-70; First Congregational Church in Terryville, CT, 1970-72. He was licensed to preach in 1944 and ordained in 1953.

Special recognition and awards include being named Man of the Year for the Town of Plymouth, Ct during their Bicentennial celebration in 1976; Certificate of Appreciation from the North Carolina Department of Corrections for service as a volunteer Chaplain 1995.



Rev. Elton B. Hunt
(Gaddys Precinct)

Rev. Hunt has served as pastor at Union Chapel Holiness Methodist Church. He was licensed to preach in 1981 and ordained the same year. He serves as Superintendent of the Lumber River Holiness Methodist Conference.



Rev. Kent Chavis
(Philadelphus Precinct)

Rev. Kent Chavis is presently serving at pastor of Pembroke First Baptist Church. He was licensed to preach in 1987 and ordained in 1991. He served as pastor at Reedy Branch Baptist Church from 1991-94.



Rev. Bobby Burns
(Back Swamp Precinct)

Rev. Burns served as pastor at Cherokee Chapel for 15 years and at Dogwood Baptist for 17 years. He was licensed to preach in 1972 and ordained in 1975. He was given a Plaque of Appreciation by the church at Dogwood Baptist in 1983.



Rev. Simeon F. Cummings
(North Pembroke Precinct)

Rev. Cummings served at pastor at Prospect United Methodist Church from 1953-73. He was Ordained as a Deacon in 1956 and as an elder in 1958 he was licensed to preach in 1953 and retired in 1985. He served with the NC Conference Council on Ministries 1973-1978; Director Robeson County Cooperative ministries 1978-85; Interim Appointments- Director, Southeastern Jurisdiction Association for Native American Ministries- Pastorates- Branch Street and UMC Churches.

He was elected Trustee Emeritus for Greensboro College; presented the Henry Berry Lowrie Award in 1985; and recognized as Chairman of the Department of Social Services, Robeson County, 1973. He was elected as a delegate to the General Conference of the United Methodist church 1976; promoted and established the Chief Junaluska Memorial Statue at Lake Junaluska, KA in 1991; and was recognized for Pastoral Leadership at Sandy Plains United Methodist Church in 1985.



Rev. Dalton Peter Brooks
(North Pembroke Precinct)

Rev. Brooks was licensed to preach in 1967 and ordained in 1967. He has served as pastor at Dundarrack Baptist Church for 30 years.



Rev. Joel Garth Locklear Jr.
(Fairmont #1 Precinct)

Rev. Locklear was licensed to preach in 1996. He has served as pastor at Branch Street United Methodist Church. In 1989 he was chosen as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America.



Rev. Tessie Lee Blue
(Thompson Precinct)

Rev. Blue was ordained to preach in 1959 she was licensed in 1967. She serves as pastor of the Back Swamp Full Gospel Holiness Church.



Rev. Bill James Locklear
(Prospect Precinct)

Rev. Locklear is Pastor of Prospect United Methodist Church. He has served as pastor of Collins Chapel UMC; Philadelphus UMC; Ashpole UMC; Pleasant Grove UMC. He was licensed in 1971 and ordained in 1982.



Rev. William Tracy Jacobs
(Rowland Precinct)

Rev. Jacobs has served at Hickory Hill Baptist Church for 24 years. He was licensed to preach in 1972 and ordained in 1974.



Rev. Johnnie Chavis
(Rowland Precinct)

Rev. Chavis has served as pastor of the following churches: Fairpoint, Leland Grove, and St. Annah. Hickory Hill, Little Zion, Macedonia, Mt. Hebron and Pleasant Grove for 39. He was licensed to preach in 1957 and ordained in 1953.

There have been several appreciation days held to honor Rev. Chavis. He has been presented many love offerings as well as two automobiles.