

Eastern Region Honorees



Raymond A. Smith

In 1998, at the 41st Annual Conference held at the Philadelphia Airport Marriott in Philadelphia, PA on April 24 - 25, 1998 the First Conference's Prayer Breakfast was Dedicated in Loving Memory to Honorary President Raymond Alexander Smith, Eastern Region Founder and First Region Director. Honorary President Rev. Raymond Alexander Smith, lovingly known as "Pastor Ray", went to eternal rest on March 5, 1998.

In 2007, under the leadership of the Seventh Region Director Filmore F. Gregory, the Recognition & Awards Committee was initiated for the purpose of creating formal guidelines to be used in selecting the most qualified person(s) to be honored by the Region in a rotation of states. The guidelines were approved and were used in selecting the 2008 Prayer Breakfast Honorees, Alverta Darden (Maryland) was appointed Chairman.

In 2012, The Prayer Breakfast rotation process was discontinued. Honorees are now selected by the Award and Recognition Committee from names submitted by the State Presidents. There can be no more than five honorees per year to include one person submitted by the Director. In 2013 the Prayer Breakfast was renamed the Johnnie Knighton Prayer Breakfast.

In 2018, the Prayer Breakfast was changed to the Eastern Region Prayer Banquet. The title changed again in 2022 to The Johnnie F. Knighton Recognition Banquet.

The following pages represent all of our Honorees from 1999—present.



Eastern Region Prayer Breakfast Honorees 1999-2000

1999 Honorees



Jessie Brown, MD



Grace Straiten, RI



Vivian Taylor, RI



Charles Wright, DE

2000 Honorees - State Presidents



Ira R. Coleman, CT



Vivian Smith, DC



Carolyn Butler, VA



Patricia Hughes, NY



Jessie Cole, MA



Margurite Kirkland, MD



Goldie Johnson, PA

NO
PHOTOS
AVAILABLE
Margaree Fickling, MD
Zina Cobb, NJ
Vivian Taylor, RI
Aradene Sudler, DE

Eastern Region Prayer Breakfast Honorees 2001-2003

2001 Honoree



Sixth Region Director
2000 - 2009

Johnnie Knighton, CT

2002 Honorees



Gertrude Hardwick, NY

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A. Marie Furrowh, DE



Roy L. Kelly, DC

2003 Honorees



Mary J. Boney, VA



Milborn A. Freeland, MD



Ruby Somerville, MA

Eastern Region

Prayer Breakfast Honorees

2004-2006

2004 Honorees



Rose Johnson, CT



Sharon B. Huff, PA



Bryan K. London, NJ

2005 Honorees



Charleta B. Davis, DE



Oneal Fields, NY



Raymond Hall, Sr., DC

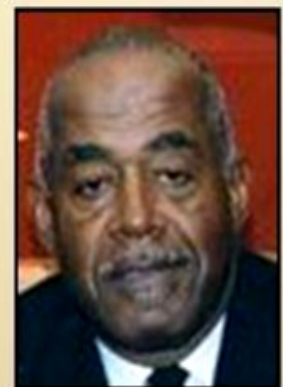
2006 Honorees



Julia Kitchen, MA



Irene J. Washington, VA



Walter V. Nick, MD

Eastern Region Prayer Breakfast Honorees 2007-2009

2007 Honoree



Seventh Region Director
2000 - 2009

Filmore F. Gregory, NY

2008 First Prayer Banquet Honorees



Ida Coleman, CT



Castella LeCompte, DE



Jeanette Robinson, PA



Roslyn Moore, DC

2009 Honorees



Christine Green, DC



Lovie Moore, RI



L. E. Tina Barnes, NY



Bryonna Tunnell, DE

Eastern Region Prayer Breakfast Honorees 2010-2012

2010 Honorees



Alverta Darden, MD



Leona Diggs, MA



Shirley A. Davis, VA

2011 Honorees



Gloria Jenville, CT



Leroy Croxton, DE



Olivia Walker, PA



Patrice Coleman, MD

2012 Honorees



Donna Hines, VA



Dr. Earl Matthews, MD



Dr. Linda Smallwood, DC



Jacquelyn Mock, NY



Hattie Roberts, CT

Eastern Region Prayer Breakfast Honorees 2013-2015

2013 Honorees



Lawrence Wright, VA



Deacon James Hope, DE



Katie Claude, DE



Mary Tinnen, DC

2014 Honorees



Linda Prince-Roberts, NY



Gloria Greenhow, VA



Pansy Bradley-Cooper, DC



James Young, MA

2015 Honorees



Lucille Lipscomb, CT



Phyllis Dorsey, DC



Willie B. Maxweell, MA



Ollie M. Danage, MD

Eastern Region Prayer Breakfast Honorees 2016-2018

2016 Honorees



Mary Randolph, DE



Jerdleen Boffman, VA



Janas Howard, VA



Mary Eley, NY



Melinda Wilkins, DC

2017 Honorees



Elrita James, DC



June D. May, DC



Annie Perry, CT



Eugene Hogue, MD



Kensey M. Lewis, VA

2018 Honorees



Ollie Bennett, PA



Sandi Dotson, DC



Gena Randall, VA



George J. Irick, DC



Ulysses S. Price, DC

Eastern Region Prayer Breakfast Honorees 2019-2021

2019 Honorees



Gloria Johnson, PA Leslie Tatum, MA Cheryl D. Allen, VA Ruth Beckham, NY Gerald Hill, MD

2020 Honorees

The 63rd Eastern Region Conference scheduled for October 16-17, 2020, in Wilmington, Delaware was canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. There were no honorees acknowledged during this time.

2021 Honorees

The 64th Eastern Region Conference, Spring 2021, was a Virtual Conference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

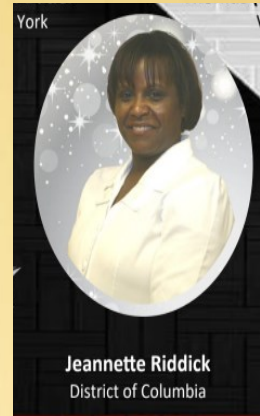
2022 Johnnie F. Knighton Honor Banquet Honoree



**Charles J. Brown, DC
Eighth Eastern Region Director
2009-2022**

Eastern Region Recognition Banquet Honorees 2023-2024

2023 Honorees



2024 Honorees



*The Eastern Region Church Ushers Association
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2025 EASTERN REGION HONOREES

Join us as we honor each of these very deserving Ushers at our 68th Eastern Region Conference

Ronald L. Jones
District of Columbia



Kelsey L. Shannon
District of Columbia



Maurita Washington
Virginia



Genevieve M. Hale
Maryland

