



Bishop E. Earl McCloud, Jr.

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127th Elected and Consecrated Bishop – AME Church

Bishop E. Earl McCloud, Jr. is a native of Clio, Alabama and the first son born to Mr. Errenous E. McCloud, Sr. & Mrs. Carrie Bell McCloud. As a student, he was an activist during his days at Clio Public High School and at Tuskegee Institute in the political campaigns of State Representatives Thomas Reed and Fred Gray.

Bishop McCloud is a strong supporter of preparation for ministry and all other undertakings in life. He has attained a BS Degree, two Master's Degrees and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. McCloud believes that things just do not happen on their own. Things happen, when people cause them to happen. Therefore, you are either doing something or getting out of the way.

From 1974 to 1984 Bishop McCloud served in the United States Army. He credits this period of his life to his strong beliefs in order and discipline. Structured behavior is critical to long term discipline and achievement within our society. The experience gained during this ten year period of service in the 1st Infantry Division, the Infantry Officer's Basic Course, the Adjutant General Officers Advance Course and the Military Personnel Officers Basic Course have proven helpful during the middle and later years of service in the AME Church.

Bishop McCloud has developed significant business relationships with the secular community which has produced a variety of funding for books that have benefited the 14th Episcopal District, renovated the Episcopal Residence, and raised funding for the overhaul and renovation of the Bishop F. C. James Center in Maseru, Lesotho and to complete construction of the Bishop John H. Adams and Dr. Dolly D. Adams Administration Building in Swaziland. Additional funding was secured for the purchase of portions of a farm in Namibia, which now houses Bethel AME Church in Namibia with nearly 72 homes for members of the AME Church.

Bishop McCloud was assigned by the 50th Quadrennial Session of the AME Church General Conference to serve the 14th Episcopal District in West Africa (Liberia, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo-Benin, and Nigeria).

Favorite Basketball Team: The Miami Heat
Favorite Football Team: The Pittsburg Steelers
Favorite University: Tuskegee University
Favorite Fraternity: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Favorite Baseball Team: The New York Yankees

Married to: Attorney Patricia Russell-McCloud