

Introducing
Bishop Dr. Deanza Alexander Cunningham

Birth

He was born at Cabbage Hill, Crooked Island on March 13, 1957, in the family of Stafford and the late Cinderella Cunningham. He had three other siblings - two sisters, and one brother. A brother and sister predeceased him.

Education

He was educated in numerous fora including Crooked Island Central High School, St. Augustine's College, College of The Bahamas, University of Miami, University of Sussex (England), Commonwealth Bible College, Teleios Theological Institute, Covington Theological Seminary, the Urban Alternative Church Development Conference Continuing Education Unit and Master's School of Divinity. He has earned the Bachelor of Science Education, the Master of Science in Education, the Master of Theology, and the Doctor of Biblical Studies in Biblical Literature. He also holds the Teachers Certificate in Secondary Education and Professional Certificates in Public Administration, Human Resources Management, Manpower Planning and Counselling. He has authored the book, *Counter-cultural Leadersip: a Life Study Model*.

Family Life

He was joined in holy matrimony to the former Edris Grant on July 2, 1983, and God has blessed their union with two sons, Dr. Dion Alexander, and Dominic Allister. He is also grandfather to one Domarii Edria Dionne.

Christian Formation

He was born again on May 20, 1974, at a prayer meeting held at Saint Augustine's College by a fellow classmate, Kenneth Tucker. Shortly, thereafter he was baptized and entered the fellowship of East Street Gospel Chapel where he was spiritually grounded – a process which continues.

Ministry Experience

He served in various capacities of ministry and leadership among the Assemblies of Brethren in the Bahamas. He has spoken throughout The Bahamas and overseas in England, Canada, Peru, Trinidad, Barbados, and the United States. He is the Vision-caster of Christ Community Church and has served as its Senior Pastor since inception. He also currently serves as Metropolitan Bishop in the Global United Fellowship – a

worldwide fellowship of over 1400 churches – with responsibilities for churches in the nations of the Bahamas, Haiti, Turks and Caicos and Cayman Islands.

Community Involvement

He has served as a member of the National Youth Advisory Council. For his work among churches and the Student Christian Movement in New Providence Schools, he was honoured by the Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Culture, in 1992 as a pacesetter in Religion. He was subsequently inducted into the Student Christian Movement's Hall of Fame.

He has been a part-time lecturer at Atlantic College and Seminary and served on the board of Teleios Theological Institute and New Providence Classical School.

He is a Marriage Officer and Justice of The Peace for The Commonwealth of The Bahamas offering counseling services to the community.

Through his leadership, Christ Community Church actively supports several charitable organizations including Unity House, Children Emergency Hostel, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Great Commission Ministries, Families of Murdered Victims, Outreach to children in Balls Alley, Outreach to Homeless Men in Faith Avenue, and the Godparent Centre (an outreach to pregnant teens). Additionally, his church serves the Tall Pines constituency, offering the church's numerous ministries, especially its youth and music ministries, and its after school educational programmes. Externally, support is given to missionaries in Brazil, India, and the United States of America.

Professional Career

He has served as a teacher and principal in the public education system of the Bahamas. He has also served as Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Ministry of Economic Development. After twenty-six of public service, he resigned to pursue his life's passion of leading God's people as a pastor in 2000.

His Resolve

He accepts humbly the opportunity, obligation, and demand to be a servant leader in his family, the church and society. And in so doing bring glory to God as he serves his fellowman.