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**Ministerial Information**

Years in the Gospel Ministry: 43  
Years in the Fulltime Pastorate: 30  
Years in Teaching Systematic Theology: 21

**Education**

Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California:

**Bachelor of Arts Degree (1972)**

**Master of Arts Degree (1979)**

Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, California:

**Master of Divinity Degree (1978)**

**Doctor of Ministry Degree (1978)**

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California:

Doctor of Philosophy Degree Candidate

**Present Position**

**Senior Pastor**, First Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina (1996 – Present)

**Ordination**

Ordination Council of the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc., and the American Baptist Churches, USA, at Trinity Baptist Church, Los Angeles, CA (1978)

**Past Leadership/Ministry Positions**

**Area Director of Africa, Europe, and the Middle East**, American Baptist Churches USA, Inc., Valley Forge, Pennsylvania (1993 – 1996)

**Senior Pastor**, Trinity Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California (1985 – 1993)

***Assistant to the Pastor***, Trinity Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California (1979 – 1985)

***Senior Pastor***, Fourth Avenue Community Church (Martin Luther King, Jr. United Methodist Church), Los Angeles, California (1978 – 1979)

***Protestant Chaplain***, Wayside Honor Rancho (Peter Pitchess Honor Rancho), Castaic, California (1975 -1979)

***Protestant Chaplain***, Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, Downey, California (1973 - 1975)

### **Teaching Positions Past and Present**

***Facilitator & Lecturer***, North Carolina State University *Encore Program for Lifelong Enrichment*

***Guest Lecturer & S. Jameson (“Jamie”) Jones, Jr. Preacher***, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado

***Adjunct Professor***, Shaw University Divinity School of Theology, Raleigh, North Carolina

***Adjunct Professor***, Campbell University Divinity School, Buies Creek, North Carolina

***Instructor***, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, Mission Education Program, Washington, DC

***Dean and Adjunct Professor***, The Apex School of Theology, Apex, North Carolina

***Adjunct Professor & Spiritual Formation Facilitator***, Duke Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

***Adjunct Professor***, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Palmer Theological Seminary), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

***Adjunct Professor***, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California

***Adjunct Professor***, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, California

***Guest Lecturer***, Eastern College, St. David, PA

***Guest Lecturer***, Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas

***Guest Lecturer***, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee

### **Professional Affiliations Past and Present**

***Member of the Conference Host Committee***, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Student Nonviolence Coordinating Committee (SNCC), April 15 -18, 2010

**Chairman**, Martin Luther King, Jr., State Commission of North Carolina  
**Member**, Rotary Club of Raleigh, Rotary International  
**Founding Sponsor**, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial  
**Advisor**, Child Support Recovery Program, Raleigh, NC  
**Co-Chair**, Convoy of Hope, Raleigh, NC  
**Member**, Board of Directors, Hamlin Drug Company Centennial Celebration Committee, Raleigh, NC  
**Member**, Board of Directors, Biblical Wellness Ministry, Raleigh, NC  
**Member**, Community Advisory Board, Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Raleigh, NC  
**Chair**, Social Action Committee, Gamma Sigma Boule of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity  
**Member**, Board of Directors, Pope House Museum, Raleigh, NC  
**Co-Chair**, Congregations for Social Justice of Raleigh, NC  
**Chaplain**, North Carolina Highway Patrol  
**Co-Chair**, Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee, Raleigh, NC  
**Chairman**, Management Committee and Management Team, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina  
**Member**, Civil Rights Exhibit Advisory Board, North Carolina Museum of History  
**Member**, Human Resources and Human Relations Advisory Commission, Raleigh, NC  
**Member**, African American Community Advisory Council, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC  
**Chairman**, Faith in Action Committee, Raleigh Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, NC  
**Member**, Advisory Board of Directors, African-American Cultural Complex, Raleigh, NC  
**Member**, Steering Committee, Black Achievers Program, Garner Road YMCA, Garner, NC  
**Member**, Steering Committee, Schleiermacher Study Group, American Academy of Religion  
**President**, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Los Angeles, CA  
**President**, Los Angeles Council of Churches, CA  
**Member**, Board of Directors, Los Angeles Urban League, CA  
**Chairperson**, Board of Directors, Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Los Angeles, CA  
**Vice President**, The Gathering of Greater Los Angeles, CA  
**Founder and Co--Chair**, Jefferson Park Improvement Project, Los Angeles, CA

**Member**, Advisory Council of the National Conference of Christians and Jews  
Interreligious Council of Los Angeles, CA  
**Member**, Black Leadership Coalition of Los Angeles  
**Member**, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
**Member**, National Continuing Education Team, American Baptist Churches, USA  
**Member**, Board of Mangers, American Baptist Churches of the Pacific Southwest  
**Board Member**, Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society, American Baptist  
Churches of the Pacific Southwest  
**Member**, Black Advisory Committee of the Fuller Theological Seminary,  
Pasadena, CA

### **Honors and Awards**

*Recipient on Behalf of First Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina,  
**Church of the Year Award for Outstanding Service to the Community**,  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), (2011)  
**Guest of Honor**, Capital City Sertoma Club's Eight Annual Celebrity Roast or Toast  
Affair, (2010)  
**The Order of the Long Leaf Pine**, State of North Carolina, Governor Beverly Eaves  
Perdue, (2010)  
**Award of Merit**, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., (2010)  
**Citizen of the Year Award**, Raleigh, Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity,  
Inc. (2008)  
**Ashanti Award**, Raleigh, Wake Citizens Association M-PAC, Raleigh, NC (2008)  
**Man and Woman of the Year**, Omicron Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.  
Raleigh, NC, with my wife Sharon, (2008)  
**Social Action Honoree of the Year Award**, Eta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma  
Fraternity, Inc., Raleigh, NC (2000 & 2006)  
**Colonel's Certificate of Appreciation**, North Carolina State Highway Patrol (2004)  
**The Gus Witherspoon Award in Religion**, Raleigh/Wake Pan Hellenic Council  
(2001)  
**Grand Marshall**, The Jefferson Park Improvement Project, Inc. Los Angeles, CA  
(1999)  
**Service to Mankind Award**, Capital City Sertoma Club, Raleigh, NC (1998)*

***Distinguished Alumni Award*** (for lifetime accomplishments), Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA (1998)  
***Visiting Research Fellow***, University of Edinburgh, Scotland and the Center for Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World (1996)  
***Prophetic Witness Award***, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Los Angeles, CA (1991)  
***Honoree***, Black American Political Association, Los Angeles, CA (1990)  
***Community Architect Award***, 49<sup>th</sup> Assembly District California Legislature (1986)  
***Certificate of Recognition***, “Courageous Dedication during Crisis involving Catastrophe and Human Need”, 28<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, CA (1985)

### **Travels**

USA, Africa, Asia, Canada, Europe, Russia & Soviet Union, South America

### **Family Life**

*Parents*, Dumas Alexander Harshaw, Sr. & Lois June Harshaw  
(Both Deceased)

*Native Home*: Springfield, Illinois

*Wife*, Sharon Denise Stringer Harshaw (Married 1980)

*Two Daughters*, Denna Malesa Harshaw, Shanise Lauren Harshaw

*One Son*, Dumas Alexander Harshaw III

*Daughter-in-Law*, Any Jimenez Harshaw

*Two Granddaughters*, Kayla Marie Harshaw, Sophie Marie Harshaw

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