



Rev. Handel Smith

Handel Smith is a transformational executive leader whose career spans more than four decades across ministry, nonprofit leadership, and corporate operations. Born in Jamaica, West Indies, and now a United States citizen residing in Noblesville, Indiana, he is widely recognized for revitalizing organizations, developing high-impact leaders, and guiding mission-driven systems toward sustainable growth.

An in-demand frequent convention speaker and conference leader, Handel is a seasoned veteran of the pulpit and the podium. His influence as a camp meeting speaker and organizer extends across the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean Atlantic, where he is known for delivering powerful, Spirit-led messages that bridge the gap between strategic leadership and deep spiritual renewal.

Ministry & Strategic Leadership

He recently transitioned from his role as Executive Director of U.S. and Canada Strategy for Church of God Ministries, where he led national initiatives supporting more than 2,000 congregations and 6,000 ministers. During his tenure, he drove major organizational innovations including:

- * **National Credentialing Redesign: Streamlining systems for thousands of ministers.
- * **Resource Development: Leading multimillion-dollar fundraising efforts to fuel kingdom work.
- * **Large-Scale Events: Organizing and leading massive ministry gatherings and conferences.

As Lead Pastor of Celebration Church at Arrow Heights, he continues to provide strategic and pastoral leadership to an urban, community-focused congregation, advancing vital initiatives in affordable housing and community development.

Corporate Excellence & Consulting

Before entering full-time ministry, Handel built a distinguished corporate career as Vice President in Verizon's State & Local Government Division, overseeing multimillion-dollar operations and earning top national honors for performance and innovation.

Leveraging this expertise, he founded High Velocity Solutions, a consulting firm that has equipped more than 100 churches and nonprofits in leadership excellence, systems optimization, and organizational health.

Education & Values

A lifelong learner and educator, Handel has taught at the university level and earned multiple executive leadership certifications. While he continues advanced theological studies, his life and leadership remain anchored in a simple, profound commitment: reaching and saving the lost.