



Retirement Celebration

THE MAN
THE MINISTRY

Rev. Carter Garner

Saturday, September 24th 2022

At: 2.00 p.m..

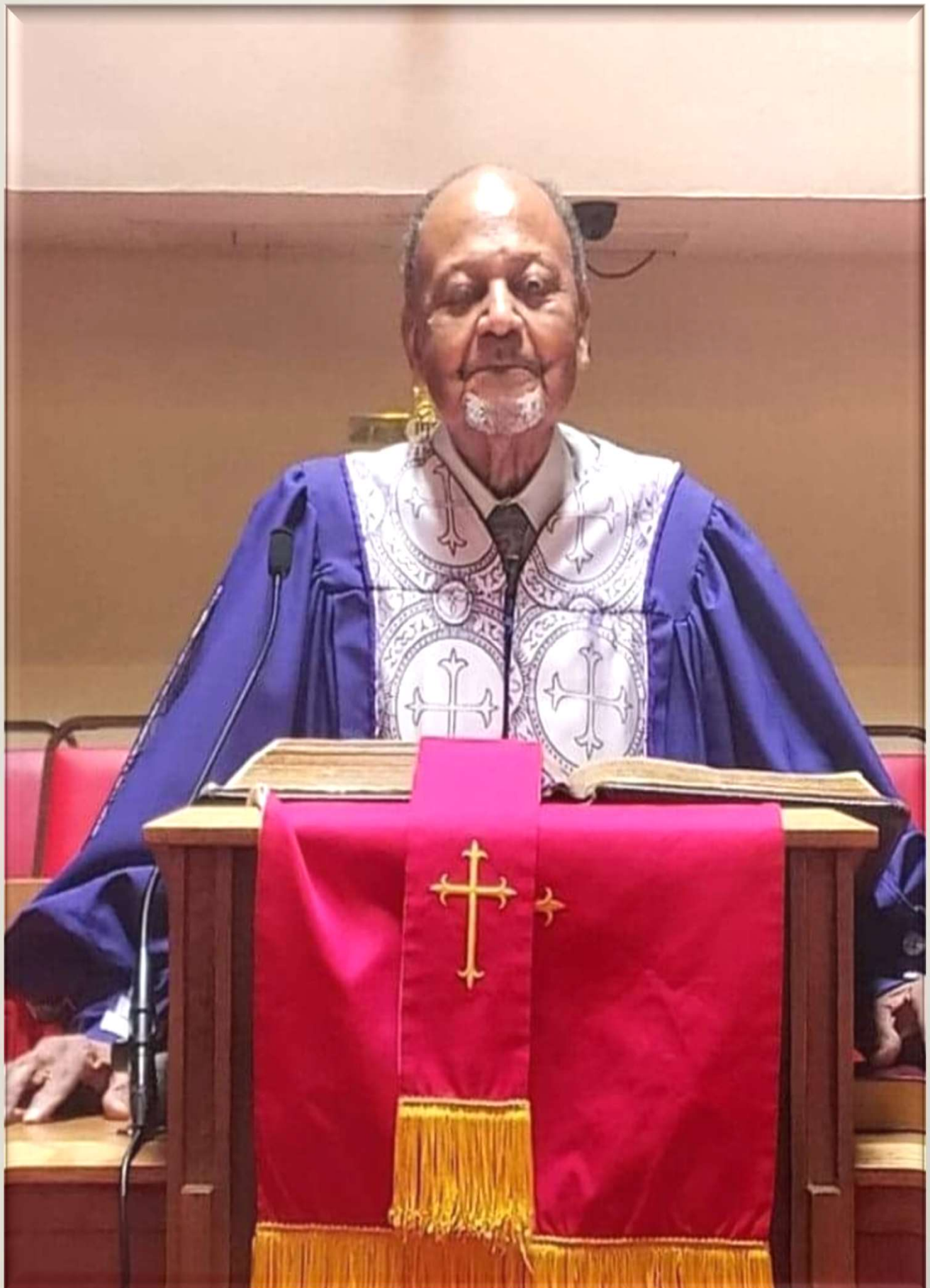
Worship Service and Banquet

PARK ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

1019 Park Road N.W.
Washington D.C. 20010

Rev. Dr. Seretha Renee Pearsall, Pastor





Rev. Carter Garner: The Man & The Ministry

Rev. Carter Garner is a man of faith so much, so his life reminds one of the childhood story of Thomas the Train.

Rev. Garner is the baby of 9 siblings, born at the Family home on NOV 1, 1933. He was born and raised in the historic Georgetown Section of Washington, D.C. Despite the many challenges of African American males, Rev Garner had the faith, determination and intellect to study and matriculated through STEVENS Elementary, FRANCIS Junior High School, ARMSTRONG HIGH SCHOOL, FEDERAL CITY COLLEGE as well as the WASHINGTON BAPTIST SEMINARY.

He married his beautiful and devoted wife on August 15, 1964 and have two beloved children: Ray and Elizabeth Ann, 3 grandsons: Ray, Ian and Jan Jr and 3 great grandchildren: Ireland, Chayce and Blake. He also has 3 Godchildren: Vonnell Lewis, Tiffany Padgett Johnson and Shirlene Sims Talifaro.

Rev. Garner made history working as a cartologist. He has shared many stories of how he continued to jump over the hurdles set before him to achieve his career goal. Rev. Garner would not allow the barriers to discouraged him but each day he woke up determined to meet the objectives head on.

Rev. Garner served at Park Road Community Church for many years as a Deacon and then answered the call to preach in 2003. He was licensed and ordained under Rev. Eugene W. Burton as an Associate Minister of Park Road Community Church. During his 19 years as an Associate Minister, Rev Garner has been faithful to his call of Pastoral Care.

Rev. Garner has also served on leadership boards with the International Council of Community Churches for many years. He has personally met with other clergy to inspire and encourage them to walk circumspectly in the call of Faith. He has garnered support from inactive churches and have encouraged new members to join the Council.

His ministry is a result of fruitful prayer, preparation and purpose life. There has been no assignment to small or great where Rev. Garner has not devoted his whole self to complete.

*Park Road Community Church
Rev. Carter Garner Retirement Celebration
September 24, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.*

*Call to Worship

Invocation

*Opening Hymn

Prayer

Deacon Leron Pearsall Jr.

Scripture

Deacon Marion Bright

Welcome

Deacon Harry Wills

Statement of Occasion

Trustee Abraham Wright

Ministry in Song

Congratulatory Remarks

Sis Marlene Kinney,
PRCC Clerk/President Ushers

Deaconess Tamika Osanyingbemi
Bro Omar Osanyingbemi
PRCC Youth Ministry

Ministry in Song

Sis. Myrtis Brame, Regional Trustee
International Council of Community Churches

Bro. Albert Geoffry Garner, Nephew
Garner Family Representative

Introduction of Guest Preacher

Musical Selection

Sermon

Rev. Kenneth Nelson,
Seneca Community Church
Germantown, Maryland

Invitation to Discipleship

Remarks

Rev. Carter Garner

Remarks and Grace

Rev. Kenneth Nelson

Guest Preacher: Rev. Kenneth Nelson



Rev. Kenneth N. Nelson has been Senior Pastor of the Seneca Community Church, Germantown, Maryland since 2006 and has embarked on a spiritual journey of caring, worship, and outreach to the community.

Rev. Nelson earned a master's from Capital Seminary and Graduate School of Lancaster Bible College, and a master's from Western Kentucky University. He received a Graduate Business Certificate (Leadership Development Program) from Johns Hopkins Carey Business School. He received a certificate in Nonprofit Executive Leadership from the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. He has a bachelor's from Towson University.

Rev. Nelson is a graduate of Leadership Montgomery and completed the REAL Inclusion Program.

In addition to his ministry service, Rev. Nelson works for Montgomery College where he encourages skill and academic success for students, community representatives, and professionals.

In 2007 and 2010, Rev. Nelson was selected by Montgomery County's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee (MLKCC) as a program participant for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. He has served as president of the ICCC Ministers Group and president of the Black Minister's Conference of Montgomery County. Rev. Nelson has received several awards and appreciation for his contributions to the community. In 2018 Rev. Nelson was inducted into the Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame. Rev. Nelson is married to Debra and they have four adult children.

Reverend Carjer Garner



Rev. Garner - the baby of 9 siblings - was born at the Family home (not a hospital) on NOV 1, 1933

Grew-up in Georgetown N W. Washington DC attending:

Elementary (STEVENS Elementary)

Junior (FRANCIS Junior High School)

The date he graduated High School

ARMSTRONG HIGH SCHOOL 1952

FEDERAL CITY COLLEGE JUNE 1975



CIVIL CAREER: CARTOGRAPHER

WASHINGTON BAPTIST SEMINARY JUNE 13 2005

Ordained a Deacon APRIL 1 1990

Trial Sermon SUNDAY MARCH 16, 2003

Associate Minister of Park Road Community Church for 19 years

Married for 58 years to Deaconess Francis Garner August 15, 1964



Rev. Garner's favorite Scripture: PSALM 27

Rev. Garner's favorite song:
WIND BENEATH MY WINGS

*Rev. Dr. Seretha Renee
Pearsall, Pastor*

*Deacon Harry Wills, Chair
of Deacon Ministry*

*Trustee Abraham Wright,
Chair of Trustee Ministry*

*Trustee Vikki Wells,
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*Deacon Marion Bright,
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*Sis. Marlene Jones-Kinney,
Church Clerk*

**PARK ROAD COMMUNITY
CHURCH**

1019 PARK ROAD N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20010
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September 24, 2022

Greetings Reverend Carter Garner

How can we properly salute you for your dedication and Godly service to the Park Road Community Church family for the last 35 years? I will begin by stating the truth: we cannot form the words which would adequately esteem a man whom have showered us with such devotion and undying care as you have during your years with us.

Your life is a testament of the everlasting love of a faithful God and the tenacity of a man who answered the call humbly and authentically. For 35 years, we have watched you ministered in leadership positions – dependably and lovingly – as Deacon and then as an Associate Minister. We have been privy to watch your family joined you in this work and to watch as God granted you all grace to endure. As we applaud your work, we also acclaim your wife of 58 years, the lovely Deaconess Francis Garner, for being one in ministry with you. It brought encouragement to many of our sick and shut-in members, when they saw you and Deaconess Garner walk through the door with hymnals, Bibles, food, medicine and more importantly love. We also thank your children Ray and Elizabeth Ann, 3 grandsons: Ray, Ian and Jan Jr and 3 great grandchildren: Ireland, Chayce and Blake for sharing you with us.

We would be amiss if we did not thank you, Rev. Garner, for serving on the leadership boards with the International Council of Community Churches (ICCC) and for supporting the fellow ICCC clergy to fight the good fight of faith.

For 35 years, it has been our pleasure to benefit from your many Biblical teachings, joined you in community service and ministry outreach assignments, partake from your ministry of Pastoral Care and have been surrounded with your un-waving love.

Thus, Rev. Carter Garner: on behalf of Park Road Community Church, please accept our sincere thank you. Our prayer is for God to continue to grant you love, care and unspeakable peace as you continue to bring God glory in this pilgrim journey.

With the love of Christ,

Reverend Dr. Seretha Renee Pearsall, Pastor

*PARK ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH
1019 Park Road, NW, Washington, DC 20010
Rev. Dr. Seretha Renee Pearsall, Pastor
(202)387-0556*

September 24, 2022

Dear Rev. Garner,

Reverend Garner congratulation as you celebrate over nineteen plus years as associate Pastor of the Park Road Community Church. On behalf of the Deacon Board, we congratulate you on your retirement. You have always demonstrated commitment to God and to the people of God. A job well done! We thank you for all the many sacrifices you have made to fulfill your role as one of Park Road's spiritual leaders for so many years. Reverend Garner you have shared so much with all of us over the years and set a strong foundation for us spiritually to follow. Thank you for being an inspiration to the Deacon Board.

We know that retirement is imminent to all of God's people. May God richly bless you and your family! Enjoy your retirement from preaching, but don't retire from the ministry of Jesus the Christ. May God continue to bless you and your family!

Sincerely,

*President Deacon Harry Wills
Deacon McNeil*

Secretary

PARK ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH
Deaconess Ministry
1019 Park Road, NW, Washington, DC 20010
Rev. Dr. Seretha Renee Pearsall, Pastor
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September 24, 2022

Reverend Garner congratulations on your retirement. You have been a committed Servant of God and we are so grateful for your care for the people of God. Thank you for serving with us in the many outreach ministries: such as Feeding the Hungry and We Care. You have made many sacrifices and gave so much of your time and attention while serving as an Associate Minister, thank you.

The Deaconess Ministry would like to say Happy Retirement! We are praying that your retirement is filled with grace, peace and love. May God continue to bless you and Deaconess Garner with strength and Divine directions.

Sincerely,

Edna Wills

Deaconess Edna Wills, President

**Park Road Community Church
Board of Trustees
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Rev. Dr. Seretha Pearsall, Pastor**

September 20, 2022

Rev. Garner,

Since joining the Board of Deacons and the ministerial staff, you have been one of the immortal bricks of the Park Road Community Church. You took your clergy calling seriously, received the appropriate training, and have worked tirelessly with the church, the community, and the International Council of Community Churches where you served an extended term as Vice President of Membership Enlistment. But even before accepting that Council position, you attended area functions faithfully and not only attended the ICCA Annual Conferences but participated fully in them as well. In all three places your demonstration of the ability to greet and interact with Christians and non-believers is one of your gifts we can all use on a regular basis.

Regarding your financial support to the Park Road Community Church, we simply say that your gospel foundation is secure. You not only supported the church with your attendance and tithes but contributed regularly to special projects as well, including gifting stipends for preaching to the church.

So on this day of your formal retirement from ministry and the initiation of your informal ministerial calling, we give thanks to God for your love of Him with your heart, with your soul, and with your mind, at so many times, in so many places, to so many individuals.

We ask that you be patient with us, as we will with you; for we know, as well as you, that God is not through with you yet.

With profound appreciation,

Abraham Wright

Abraham Wright, Chair
Board of Trustees

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In Appreciation

Reverend Carter Garner

September 24, 2022

As Mayor of Washington, DC, it is my distinct pleasure to express my appreciation to Rev. Carter Garner on the occasion of your retirement from Park Road Community Church after 32 years of outstanding service.



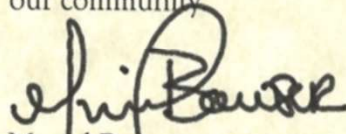
A native Washingtonian, you used your in-depth knowledge of our city to provide exemplary service to the Park Road Community Church, its Ward 1 community, and beyond.

As Associate Minister and leader of the Pastoral Care Ministry, you served in multiple capacities, from assisting the Pastor with Holy Communion and working with the church's Benevolent Ministry, to devising plans to ensure that those who were unable to attend church received their food and medications.

Citizens of the District of Columbia and beyond have benefited greatly from your leadership and dedication to community service and professional excellence.



On behalf of the nearly 700,000 residents of Washington, DC, congratulations on your retirement and thank you for your service to our community.


Muriel Bowser
Mayor, Washington, DC

International Council of Community Churches
P.O. Bo 846
Longmont, CO 80502
Rev. Phil Tom, Executive Director

September 21, 2022

Greetings

On behalf of our International Council of Community Churches family, we want to thank Rev. Carter Garner for his years of faithful and spirited leadership and ministry with his congregation, the Park Road Community Church, and his International Council of Community Churches family.

We give praise to God for this faithful and dedicated servant of God.

Sincerely,

Phil Tom

Rev. Phil Tom, Executive Director

Abraham Wright

Abraham Wright, President.





To the honorable Reverend Carter Garner,

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1

Congratulations on your retirement. It is our privilege and honor to pay tribute to you on this milestone occasion. May you be proud of the work you have done, the servant you are and the difference you have made in the lives you have touched during your many years of faithful dedication in service to God, the church and in the community. We pray you will take time to reflect on the past with satisfaction, look ahead to the future with great anticipation and fill each day with enjoyment and relaxation.

We thank God for the relationship we've shared over the years and pray that wherever you go and whatever you do, that God will be with you and shower you with abundant blessings!

A gift to the International Council of Community Churches (ICCC) Permanent Endowment Fund has been made in your name in recognition of your retirement.

To God be the glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth N. Nelson". The signature is written over a faint, light-colored circular stamp or watermark.

Reverend Kenneth N. Nelson and Congregation
Seneca Community Church

Nicholas and Myrtis Brame

15220 Springfield Road

Darnestown, Maryland 20874

September 24, 2022

Reverend Carter Garner
Park Road Community Church
1019 Park Road, N.W.
Washington, DC 20010

Dear Reverend Garner,

Congratulations on your Retirement from the ministerial staff at Park Road Community Church. During the time of your ministry, you have helped so many of us to deal with challenges in our lives as God's messenger to the flock. Romans 8:28 tells us, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to HIS purpose."

In you, God called a quiet but powerful straight - speaking ambassador who always left a message of LOVE and a positive way to use his word to guide our daily Christian walk. That has been our witness as you have shared the gospel and prayer with us at Park Road Community, the International Council of Community Churches gatherings, Seneca Community Church and at the many other venues we have attended with you and your lovely wife, Sister Frances Garner.

Congratulations again and in retirement, we hope you will continue enjoying all of the blessings that life affords you. You have earned the right to explore your next mission, be it rest and relaxation, travel or just doing fun things with family and friends.

With Love and Gratitude,

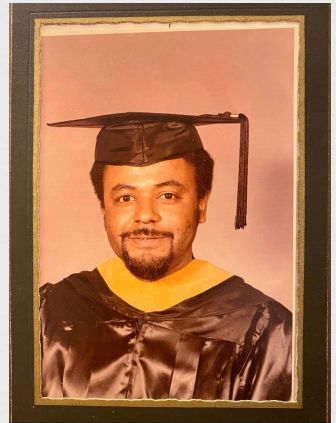
Nick & Myrtis

Nick and Myrtis Brame

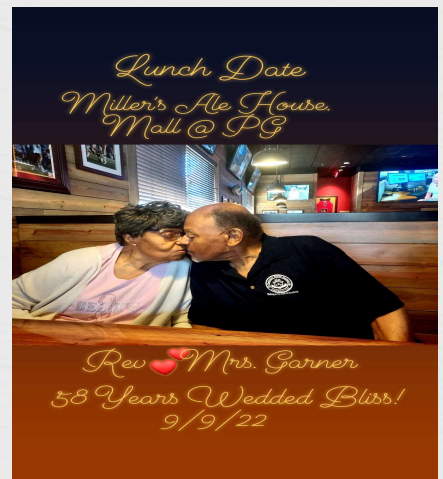
Sermon Notes

“...because every picture tells a story.”

Rev. Carter Garner







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To be leaders in community-based Christian education by teaching the word of God and by spreading God's love among Park Road Community Church's membership, the community and among others we encounter.

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