

Reverend Derrick Rice

Reverend Derrick Rice is a founding pastor of Sankofa United Church of Christ. As a pastor, community activist and civic leader, Reverend Derrick works daily to embody the philosophy of the West Afrikan Sankofa symbol, which purports the wisdom to 'go back and retrieve. His travel throughout Europe, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Senegal and the Carribean has intensified his belief that; 'There is no task more sacred than the liberation of oppressed people!'



Pastor Derrick is a native of Chicago, IL. He was ordained by his father in ministry, the Reverend Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. – Pastor emeritus of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Illinois. Pastor Derrick received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College and the Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. While studying at the ITC, he was recognized as an honors student, a member of the Dean's list, Who's Who Among College and University Students in America and Theta Phi International Honors Society. Pastor Derrick is a powerful preacher who has been invited to preach and teach throughout country and lectures on occasion in Atlanta area seminaries.

Pastor Derrick's understanding of the importance of both arms of the cross, has led him to worship and pastor like there is no tomorrow while simultaneously fighting to; "proclaim release to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to set those who are oppressed free and to proclaim the year of our Lord's favor!" Pastor Derrick has been a leader in the Atlanta-metro area in countless fights against injustice and oppression suffered by God's people.

He is a member of several pastoral, civic, theological and educational organizations and Boards of Directors such as; Founding Organizer of Let Us Make Man, National Coalition Of Blacks for Reparations in America, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Pastors Conference, Kilombo Pan African Institute and the Henderson/E. Stanley Jones Chair for Missions and Evangelism.