

THE REVEREND WINTERBOURNE LAPUCELLE HARRISON-JONES

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The Reverend Winterbourne LaPucelle Harrison-Jones, is a scholar, author, ecclesial leader, and distinguished Churchman out of the lineage of Dr. William Augustus Jones, Dr. James Forbes, Dr. Mordecai Wyatt Johnson and Dr. Howard Thurman.

A fifth-generation minister, Reverend Harrison-Jones was born to his mother, Jessie Alfreda Harrison and his maternal grandparents, the late Reverend Dr. Robert Harrison and Dr. Charlotte Harrison. From the earliest days of his youth, Reverend Harrison-Jones' mother and grandmother instilled in him the vital importance of an unyielding commitment to the things of God, a comprehensive liberal arts education, a sure sense of self-identity, and a personal and professional pursuit of excellence.

Reverend Harrison-Jones is a 2006 graduate of Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School in Washington D.C. and a 2010 graduate of the historic Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee where he earned his Bachelor degree in Religious and Philosophical Studies. While at Fisk University, Reverend Harrison-Jones had the distinct opportunity of having been mentored by Fisk University President and former United States Secretary of Energy, Hazel R. O'Leary and Dean of the historic Fisk Memorial Chapel, the Reverend Dr. Jason Richard Curry, PhD.

Arriving in Rochester, New York in the fall of 2010 to pursue his studies for a Masters of Divinity, Reverend Harrison-Jones readily became a leader in the cultural arts and religious community of Rochester, always willing to yield his advocacy and philanthropic spirit to various community organizations and worthy initiatives.

Reverend Harrison-Jones has always been a stalwart champion of the arts and has served as a trustee of the William Warfield Scholarship Fund at the prestigious Eastman School of Music and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Freetown Village and the Asante Children's Theatre.

In addition to Fisk University and Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School, Reverend Harrison-Jones holds degrees and professional certifications from the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Harvard University Graduate School of Education, the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin Germany, the Universidad de Salamanca in Salamanca Spain and is now a doctoral student at Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School (Doctor of Ministry) in Rochester, New York and the Indiana University Purdue University (PhD in Urban Education) in Indianapolis, Indiana. As a scholar, Reverend Harrison-Jones investigates how theological and homiletic resources within Christian traditions are valuable for interpreting and responding to such pressing public issues as economic deprivation, religious bigotry, racism, class inequity, and structural inequality.

Reverend Harrison-Jones is married to Jillian Harrison-Jones, who is a doctoral candidate in choral conducting at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music and serves as the Richard Wesp Assistant Conductor of the Cincinnati Children's Choir and the Music Director of MUSE Cincinnati's Women's Choir. Reverend Harrison-Jones is the proud God-father of four God children, Khanstance Flood of Washington, DC; Jalen Dakota-Matthews of Rochester, New York, and Charles Michael Harris III of Nashville, Tennessee.

His credo is shaped by words of the noted scholar, theologian and 1926 graduate of Rochester Theological Seminary, Dr. Howard Thurman; *"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive!"* Reverend Harrison-Jones is the Pastor of the historic Witherspoon Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana