

Rev. Otis Moss III – Biographical Sketch

Rev. Otis Moss III is part of a new generation of ministers committed to preaching prophetically that the message of love and justice are inseparable companions, forming the foundation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He has a unique gift to communicate across generations. His creative bible-based messages have inspired young and old alike. His intergenerational preaching gift has made Rev. Moss a popular speaker on college campuses, at conferences and churches across the globe. Rev. Moss is a native of Cleveland, OH, an honors graduate of Morehouse College, Yale Divinity School, and he has earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Chicago Theological Seminary.

Rev. Moss is highly influenced by the works of Zora Neale Hurston, August Wilson, Howard Thurman, Jazz and Hip-Hop music. The work and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the pastoral ministry of his father, Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. of Cleveland, OH, have been primary mentors for his spiritual formation.

He is the former pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Augusta, GA., his first pastorate, where the church grew from 125 members to over 2100 disciples during his tenure. Rev. Moss is currently Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, IL.

Pastor Moss is an accomplished author. He published his first book, ***Redemption in a Red Light District*** in 1999 and co-authored ***The Gospel Re-Mix; How to Reach the Hip-Hop Generation*** in 2006. His sermons articles and poetry have appeared in publications such as ***Power in the Pulpit II: America's Most Effective Preachers***, ***Joy To The World: Sermons From America's Pulpit***, ***Sound The Trumpet: Messages of Hope for Black Men***, ***The Audacity of Faith: Christian Leaders Reflect on the Election of Barack Obama***, ***Sojourners Magazine*** and ***The African American Pulpit Journal***. In 2012, he published, with his father, He Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., ***Preach!: The Power and Purpose Behind Our Praise***

He is an ordained minister in the Progressive National Baptist Convention and the United Church of Christ, carrying dual standing in both denominations. He is a life member of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, board member of the Christian Century Magazine, Chaplain of the Children's Defense Fund's Samuel DeWitt Proctor Child Advocacy Conference.

He is married to his college sweetheart, the former Monica Brown of Orlando, FL, a Spelman College and Columbia University graduate. They are the proud parents of two creative and humorous children, Elijah Wynton and Makayla Elon.