



**Rev Dr Semaj Y Vanzant Sr**

## SUMMARY

Forward-thinking theologian, minister and teacher who combines the best traditions of effective pastoral leadership with a progressive approach that attracts multi-generational, multi-cultural congregants of all races and backgrounds, from millennials to seniors. Excellent oral and written communicator with demonstrated instructive, organizational, and motivational skills that promote spiritual growth. Embrace and support broader social, educational, and economic goals to uplift and empower individuals and the surrounding communities. Continual success in developing and training leaders, laity, and volunteers. Skilled in providing emotional and spiritual care to those in need, while touching lives in practical, life-enhancing ways. Committed to preserving and building upon the existing legacy to effect transitional change that will continue to positively position and expand the reach of the ministry.

## SKILLS

- Strong leadership and organizational abilities
- Confident and effective interpersonal skills
- Excellent written and oral communication
- Extensive research skills gained through academic and
- Ministry-related endeavors
- Proficient business background and orientation

## EXPERIENCE

- ✚ **Second Baptist Church, Asbury Park, NJ (Current)**
  - Pastor (Teacher)
- ✚ **Interfaith Neighbors, Inc, Asbury Park, NJ**
  - Program Manager
- ✚ **New York Theological Seminary, New York, NY**
  - Adjunct Professor
- ✚ **St. Paul School of Theology, Oklahoma City, OK**
  - Lecturer/Teacher Assistant
- ✚ **The Christ Experience Church, Oklahoma City, OK**
  - Pastor (Teacher)
- ✚ **Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention, PA (Statewide)**
  - Director of Christian Education
- ✚ **The Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, NY**
  - Pastor in Residence
- ✚ **Church of Redeemer Baptist Church, (Philadelphia, PA)**
  - Assoc. Minister of Discipleship
- ✚ **The Church Without Walls, (Houston, TX)**
  - Preaching Intern
- ✚ **Redeemer Institute for Christian Education Church of Redeemer Baptist Church (Philadelphia, PA)**
  - Instructor

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### **Doctor of Ministry**

St. Paul School of Theology May 2017  
Oklahoma City, OK

### **Master of Divinity**

Princeton Theological Seminary May 2009  
Princeton Junction, NJ

### **Bachelor of Science: Political Science, Psychology**

Gannon University May 2006  
Erie, PA

## AFFILIATIONS

- Wimberley School of Religion Advisory Board April 2014 - December 2015
- Oklahoma City Black Chamber of Commerce October 2013 - December 2015
- Oklahoma Institute for Biblical Literacy May 2014 - July 2015
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. May 2009 - Present May 12, 2020

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

SOAR. , In the church, I am the Executive Director of the “Inspire Life Fine Arts & Technology Camp,” co-founded with my wife. These activities all reflect my effective interaction with people of all generations through a compassionate demeanor, strong work ethic, and an energetic, outgoing, and creative personality. My greatest earthly joy is my family. My wife, Carla and our two sons, Semaj Jr. and Seth. I look forward to meeting with your committee to learn more about your church family and explore the possibilities for my affiliation. Your kind consideration of my interest is gratefully acknowledged.  
Sincerely, Dr. Semaj Y. Vanzant, Sr. Pastor-Teacher

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Qualified Administrator September 2013 Intercultural Development Inventory, Inc.  
Ordained for Ministry May 2011 Church of the Redeemer Baptist Philadelphia, PA  
Ministerial License April 2006 Shiloh Baptist Church Erie, PA Prepare/Enrich  
Administrator January 2009 Marriage and Pre-Marriage Counseling