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**DR. DAVID A. HAMPTON CALLED TO PASTOR
HISTORIC BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH IN BROOKLYN, NY**

The Bethany Baptist Church family has called Dr. David A. Hampton to serve as the 10th pastor.

/24-7PressRelease/ - BROOKLYN, NY, November 18, 2007 - The Bethany Baptist Church family has called Dr. David A. Hampton to serve as the 10th pastor of the 124-year-old historic church in Brooklyn, NY, following the 43-year pastorate of world-renowned preacher/teacher/author Dr. William Augustus Jones, Jr., it was announced by the Reverend Jasper E. Peyton, Bethany's Interim Pastor.

Dr. Hampton will begin his pastorate at Bethany on January 6, 2008.

Dr. Hampton is an exceptionally dynamic preacher who has an ability to reach people of all ages. An anointed pastor from Indianapolis, IN, he previously served as the senior pastor of Zion Hope Baptist Church. Dr. Hampton earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from the University of Indianapolis in 1994. He earned a Master of Theological Studies degree in 2000 and Doctor of Ministry degree (Summa Cum Laude) in 2007, both from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. He is affiliated with the Progressive National Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Churches, where he served on the Executive Board of Directors. In addition, he is a religious editorial writer for the Indianapolis Recorder and wrote an opinion column, for the Indianapolis Star from 2005-2006.

"After more than two years of prayer and faith that God would send us the Pastor of His choice, we are blessed to welcome Dr. Hampton to the Bethany Baptist Church family," said Rev. Peyton.

"I am honored and humbled by Christ to have been chosen to lead such an historic church into the 21st Century after Dr. William Augustus Jones. The people of Bethany have been overwhelmingly warm and welcoming," said Dr. Hampton.

Dr. Hampton is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including: National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice Scholar, Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholar, Who's Who in Black Indianapolis, MLK Human Rights Award, NCAA All-American, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Center for Leadership Development.

Reverend Hampton and his wife, Hope, have two children, Taylor and Gabriel.

Dr. Hampton will be installed on April 6, 2008, by his childhood pastor, Dr. Jeffrey A. Johnson, Sr., Eastern Star Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN.

Bethany Baptist Church is located at 460 Marcus Garvey Boulevard between Decatur and MacDonough in Brooklyn. Sunday Worship services are at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact the Church office at (718) 455-8400.