



BISHOP WILBURN WYATT HAMILTON

Born in San Antonio, Texas, Bishop Hamilton is the son of Bishop E.E. Hamilton who was the founding bishop of the California Northwest Jurisdiction and founded the Hamilton Memorial Church of God In Christ in San Francisco. Bishop W.W. Hamilton became the prelate of the California Northwest Jurisdiction in 1987 and served until 2015. Bishop J.O. Patterson also appointed Bishop W.W. Hamilton as pastor of Victory Temple Church of God in Christ in 1980. In 1984, Bishop Hamilton led Victory Temple into a new \$25 million-dollar edifice – debt free. Surrounding Victory Temple is housing valued at \$15 million. The church also offers abundant resources for seniors and families.

Bishop Hamilton, along with his late wife Joy Helena, served in many state and national offices throughout his long and successful ministry: COGIC General Secretary, 1990-2000 and General Board Member, from 2000



until his retirement in 2008. He also served as secretary of the General Board for a number of years.

In addition to a successful ministry career, Bishop Hamilton served as executive director of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency for ten years when he provided leadership for programming with a budget of \$2.5 billion dollars.

Bishop Hamilton holds an associate of Arts degree from San Francisco City College, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Science from Simpson College, a Master of Business Administration Degree from Golden Gate University and a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Simpson College. Bishop Hamilton was married to the late Evangelist Dr. Joy Helena Hamilton for 45 years, a gifted teacher and minister of the gospel. He and Lady Joy were blessed with four children: Sharyn Marie, Tom Jack, Maryvn Stanley and Helena Joy.



The Church of God In Christ joyfully celebrates the life and legacy of Bishop Wilburn Wyatt Hamilton.

