

Dr. Daughtry, holds Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Adelphi University and The New York Theological Seminary in the areas of Early Childhood and Religious Education respectively. She is a Certified Pastoral Counselor having also graduated from New York's Post Graduate Center for Mental Health. In addition, she also earned the Doctor of Ministry Degree at The York Theological Seminary in 1997. Her dissertation entitled "SISTER to sister" is a comparative study which examines, contrasts and compares the ways that girls are socialized in Africa, the Caribbean and the U.S.A. and puts forward the importance of mentoring.

Founder of the House of the Lord Elementary School and the House of the Lord Sister-to-Sister Mentoring Program, Dr. Karen Daughtry is best known for her visionary and creative leadership as it relates to Children and Women's issues. Her concern for the impact of the social and political issues on the total lives of people of African Ancestry people has been evidenced in her establishment of SASAA (detailed below), Her work as Chair of the church's National Department of Women's Work has also been especially meaningful.

Dr. Daughtry is also a community activist who has sought to bring public scrutiny to instances of injustice by participating in numerous marches and demonstrations. She serves on the Board of Directors

of the Randolph Evans Educational Assistance Program, an organization formed in 1978 which annually awards scholarships to Brooklyn college-bound students in the name of Randolph Evans, a 15 year old shot to death in 1976 by a New York City police officer.

In addition to being the Executive Director of the Alonzo Daughtry Memorial Day Care Center for the past 44 years with responsibility to guide its early childhood centers serving more than 125 children, Dr. Daughtry is also the visionary and founding Chairperson of SASAA, the acronym for “Sisters Against South African Apartheid” an organization inspired by the courage of Winnie Mandela and made up of women of African ancestry dedicated to providing a support vehicle for those who were living under the racist apartheid regime in South Africa. Since the dismantling of apartheid, SASAA is now helping those in South Africa build a society which deals fairly with all of its people. Through its six point program, SASAA successfully gathered, sorted and shipped forty foot containers of material support items to Namibia, Tanzania, and South Africa on six separate occasions. In addition, under her leadership, SASAA participated in a campaign which delivered thousands of signatures to the United Nations on behalf of the detained and tortured children of Angola.

SASAA was also proud to host Zenani Mandela, the daughter of the Mandela, a year prior to Nelson Mandela's release from prison. In 1990, Karen Daughtry and Julie Belafonte, co-chaired the Women's Division of the Nelson Mandela Reception Committee on the occasion of his first visit to New York City. SASAA, hosted Winnie Mandela at The House of the Lord Church and at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Additionally under its new name, Sisters Assisting South Africans (SASA), Dr. Karen Daughtry organized and headed three delegations on 14-day missions to the new democratic South Africa. Following these trips, initiatives such as the Sole- to-Soul Pen Pal System were established. This program encourages the linkage of youth in America with South African youth facilitated through the giving of athletic footwear and the exchange of letters. In addition, SASA is responsible for the successful building of a Day Care Center in the town of Tamboville located in Benoni and named after the late South African freedom fighter, Oliver Tambo.

Dr. Karen Daughtry has received numerous awards including, the Fannie Lou Hamer Award from the Women's Center of Medgar Evers College; the Harriet Tubman Leadership Award from the Harlem Urban Development Corporation; Citizen of the Year from Omega Psi Epsilon; Martin Luther King Reclamation Award from local Assemblyman Roger Green; Mother of

the Year Award from State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, Woman with a Will and Valiant Woman Awards from Church Women United; Spirited Leadership Award from New York City Councilwoman Annette Robinson; the Kwame Nkrumah Leadership Award from the Kwame Nkrumah Foundation and the Outstanding Citizen Award from New York City Council members Charles Barron and Tracy Boyland. She has also received citations and proclamations over the years from the Borough of Brooklyn and the City of New York.

Among the highlights of her life has been the satisfaction of being married since 1962 to the Rev. Dr. Herbert Daughtry, National Presiding Minister of The House of the Lord Churches and sharing in the church's ministry through the conceptualization and implementation of many of the programs sponsored by the church. Together they are the parents of three daughters,, Leah Denyatta, Sharon DBoya, Dawnique Dakeba and one son, Herbert, Jr. all college graduates. The Daughtry's have three grandsons, Lorenzo Alexander Daughtry Chambers, Herbert Daniel Daughtry, III and Myles Andrew Daughtry.

Her favorite saying is "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything but I can do something and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do what I can do for there is no one else quite like me and I can make a difference with God's help"

