



community success initiative

HELPING INDIVIDUALS & COMMUNITIES MOVE FROM WHERE THEY ARE TO WHERE THEY WANT TO BE

## Rev. Reggie Longcrier

**Reggie spent 21 years in and out of every prison imaginable. As Prison Chaplain at Catawba Correctional, Newton, NC, Reggie now holds the keys - literally, the keys, to the very prison where he was**

**once incarcerated and has just published his book "From Disgrace To Dignity" outlining his journey from criminal activity to redemption.**



**Check out his accomplishments since his incarceration below.**

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### **PERSONAL**

Married to Audrey Longcrier, with one daughter, Adrienne

### **EDUCATION**

Mercer County College - Trenton New Jersey  
Milligan College - Johnson City, Tennessee  
Emmanuel School of Religion - Johnson City, Tennessee  
Winston Salem Bible College - Winston Salem, North Carolina  
Hood Theological Seminary - Salisbury, North Carolina  
Ordained in AME Zion 1989

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**1987 - Present      Chaplain, Catawba Prison Ministries, Chaplain, Catawba  
Correctional Center      Newton, North Carolina**

Responsible to coordinate all religious services. Conduct weekly Christian services as chaplain, and facilitate inmates' serving in the ministry with their gifts and talents. Provide pastoral counseling to inmates and their families, including aftercare planning. Recruit and train all prison ministry volunteers. Conduct life skills, Nurturing Fathers, and ethics workshops for inmates. Serve as national public speaker in correctional institutions (including death row), churches, human service agencies, and other settings as requested. **Author of "From Disgrace to Dignity", 2010.**      [www.catawbaprisonministries.org](http://www.catawbaprisonministries.org)

**1997 - Present      Senior Pastor, Exodus Missionary Outreach Church  
Hickory, North Carolina**

From 1989 - 1991, served at Davis Chapel AME Zion Church in Hickory. From 1992 - June 1997 served at Rhoney's Chapel AME Zion Church in Hickory. In July 1997, left the AME Zion denomination to pursue the God-given vision of creating a multi-ethnic inner city ministry by starting a new church - Exodus Missionary Outreach Church in Hickory. Since it's inception, Exodus has grown rapidly and has gained an outstanding reputation in the community for it's innovative approach and success in reaching people who have been marginalized and disinherited by mainstream society. Exodus outgrew it's original church home at the Dirk M. Thompson Mortuary Chapel, and was invited in November 1999 to share a church home with Holy Trinity Lutheran in Hickory for three years until sufficient building funds were available to purchase their own church home. In December 2002 church property was purchased by Exodus, and on January 26, 2003 the congregation moved to its permanent church home at 1763 Highland Ave.      [www.exodusoutreachchurch.org](http://www.exodusoutreachchurch.org)

**1998 - Present    Executive Director, Exodus Homes  
North Carolina**

**Hickory,**

Founder and CEO of award winning, nationally recognized faith based private non-profit United Way organization that provides transitional to permanent supportive housing for homeless recovering people returning to the community from treatment centers and prisons. Exodus Homes has 63 beds in eight program locations in Hickory with unique services to meet the needs of its residents.

[www.exodushomes.org](http://www.exodushomes.org)

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Hickory Ministerial Alliance, President, - present

Community Economic Development Study - present

Member, Hickory Area Ministerial Association - present

Board Member, Community Resource Council - present

Member, Frye Regional Hospital Pastoral Advisory Committee - past

Board Member, Cooperative Christian Ministry - past

Advisory Board Member, Faith Community Task Force On Poverty - past

Commissioner, Hickory Housing Authority - past

Hickory Area Minister's Association - past President

### **Awards & Recognitions**

City of Hickory All America City Team 2007\_

25 Who Matter. Hickory Daily Record 2007

Outstanding Community Leadership, Bennett College Alumnae Association, 2006

Regional Prison Ministry Regional Volunteer of The Year 2006

Outstanding Community Contribution Award , Catawba Valley Community College, 2006

Community Service Award, Lenoir Rhyne University - 2005

Minister of the Year, Parent Child Involvement - 2003

Key to the City, Hickory North Carolina - 2003

Citizen of the Year, PSI Phi Fraternity - 2002

Governor's Award For Volunteer Service - 2001

Hickory Spirit of Martin Luther King Award -2000

Outstanding Service, Pastoral Care Advisory Committee, Frye Regional Hospital - 1999

Outstanding Service Award, Hickory Public Housing - 1998