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A native of Beckley, West Virginia and a 1973 graduate of Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia majoring in Sociology and Social Welfare. Mr. Dodson is married to Judythe Taylor-Dodson and the father of one child.

*Graduated with the Master of Arts in Public Administration from the Ohio State University in March 1981 specializing in Urban Administration. Served on the Public Policy and Management Steering Committee, College of Business, the Ohio State University (1986). National Achievement Scholar and Who's Who in American High Schools in 1968.

*Mr. Dodson has served as an Elder and Director of Administration since 1982 and presently serves as Director of Community Relations for Rhema Christian Center, a large urban church in Northeast Columbus. Ordained to Christian Ministry (1992). Certified Church Manager, Christian Management Association, 1997. Executive Director, Dayspring Christian Community Development Corporation, established by the church to address the need for affordable housing, employment, literacy, and economic development. Received Ohio Real Estate Sales License (1997).

*Previously employed as Management Analyst, and Resident Initiatives Specialist with the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (1986-1992). Certified in Public Housing Management, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials ((NAHRO-1987).

*Employed by the State of Ohio, Department of Development (1975-1986) and held various positions in the areas of Housing, Community and Economic Development and Human Services. Certified Economic Development Financing Specialist, National Development Council (1985). Managed the Appalachian Housing Finance Program to assist rural housing sponsors. Also served as the Secretary to the State Board of Housing.

*Industrial Relations Representative and EEO Officer, ACF Industries, Inc. Huntington, West Virginia (1973-1975). Outstanding Participant, National Alliance of Businessmen, JOBS Program, 1975 Campaign, Huntington Metro

*Community Service – Chairman, Phoenix Foundation Board of Trustees. Member, Fifth Third Bank Community Advisory Forum. Board member: Northland Alliance; W.C.Cupe Community School, and Urban Concern. Past Chairman: Board of Trustees of Columbus State Community College; Columbus Metropolitan Community Action Agency (CMACAO), Board of Directors of Central Ohio Volunteers of America; Association for the Developmentally Disabled; Directions for Youth; and the Northeast Area Commission.

Former Board member: Columbus Compact; Central Ohio Youth for Christ; Habitat for Humanity. Mayoral Appointments: Columbus Cable Advisory Commission and Community Relations Commission. Served on various Community councils: Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, Central Ohio Transit Authority Citizen Advisory Council, Columbus Neighborhood Services Advisory Council. Consolidated Planning Group, and MORPC Citizen Advisory Council.

Part-time Announcer, WCVO FM radio (1977-1993). Hosted both a weekly public affairs program (Sound-Off) and a Gospel music program (Soul & Spirit)

Recognition and Accomplishments

- * Community Achievement Award, Marshall University Black Alumni Association 2002
- * Summer Leadership Institute, Harvard Divinity School , 2000
- * Community Achievement Award, Marshall University Alumni Association 1996
- * Soldier of the Faith Award, Unity Economic Summit, The Unity Partnership 1998
- * Candidate for Columbus Public School Board (1990)
- * Outstanding Young Men of America, 1985

Memberships

- * Christian Community Development Association
- * Ohio CDC Association
- * Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Epsilon Delta Chapter, Marshall University 1969

SHORT BIO

William A. Dodson Jr., has over twenty-five years of community development and housing experience. A student of Public Policy, Mr. Dodson has extensive public service experience and has served over fifty cumulative years of service to nonprofit boards. Also hosted both a weekly public affairs program (Sound-Off) and a Gospel music program (Soul & Spirit) for 16 years on local radio station.

* Mr. Dodson presently serves as Executive Vice-President for Rhema Christian Center, a large urban church in Northeast Columbus. He was ordained to Christian Ministry in 1992 and received the Certified Church Manager from the Christian Management Association (1997). Also serves as Executive Director for Dayspring Christian Community Development Corporation established by the church to address the need for affordable housing, employment, literacy, and economic development. DCCDC has assisted in the development of over 1100 units of affordable housing for seniors and families in the Central Ohio area. Over 150 persons have completed the Workforce 2000 pre-employment training program as well. He is a frequent presenter or panelist on faith based community development issues and has mentored many church leaders on the subject.