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**The Official Biography of**  
**Robert Dedrick Hood, D. Div.**  
**A Life to Service, Mission and Ministry**

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Bishop Robert Dedrick Hood was born in LaGrange, North Carolina on April 3, 1974. He received his formal education in the Lenoir County School Systems. Bishop Hood received his spiritual upbringing and passion for the church at large while attending St. James Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, LaGrange, North Carolina.

Understanding the call on his life, he preached his initial sermon on April 2, 2000, and was officially ordained an Elder in the Goldsboro Raleigh District Assembly in October 2003.

While under the mentorship of many great leaders, namely his father, Bishop Ronnie L. Hood, Robert understood the value of leadership and what it meant to Lead God's people. Following much prayer and supplication he began his pastoral leadership journey as the interim pastor at St. Mark Church in April of 2004 and was duly elected in June of the same year. Currently, under the leadership of Pastor Hood, St. Mark Church of Christ has flourished financially and most of all spiritually. He has increased membership attendance by over 42% and continues to have the strongest mid-day bible study in Northeast Wayne County. As a supporting member of our District Church, and by approval of the Presiding Bishop the work of the ministry was needed in the Browntown community of Snow Hill where he began to serve the Oak Grove Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ as Interim Pastor in April of 2008. This ministry is meeting the needs of disciples stretching across four (4) counties.

In support of our District Church's efforts, Bishop Hood serves as the Chairman of the Goldsboro-Raleigh District Assembly Board of Elders. This Board serves as the function office of jurisprudence for our jurisdictional church, and provides insight and oversight to policy, ecclesiastical polity, and organizational structure. He was appointed this vital role in October of 2015.

Understanding that whom God calls He also equips - Pastor Hood received his BA in Religious Education from the Goldsboro Disciples Institute in Goldsboro, North Carolina, a Master of Arts in Ministry from Ray of Hope Bible Institute and Ashwood University and in 2008, his Doctorate in Divinity from Ashwood University.

In addition to his notable achievements Pastor Hood received an Associate Degree in Funeral Services from Fayetteville Technical Community College in Fayetteville North Carolina, in June of 2011. Most recently in October of 2017, Bishop Robert D. Hood received the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from St. Thomas Christian College in Jacksonville, FL.



As a family man he is Married to Elder Tachala Dawson Hood and they enjoy the company of their nine (9) children and five (5) grandchildren.

Ecumenically, Pastor Hood is very active in the community and State of North Carolina at large serving or have served on the following Board & Commissions: Notary Public, Lenoir County Boys and Girls Club Executive Board Member, LaGrange Chamber of Commerce, Lenoir County VICA Club Advisor, (Past Precinct Chair) Moseley Hall Democratic Party, Past Director of the Southern Assembly School of Religion, former Vice President of the LaGrange Branch of the NAACP, and was a Moral Monday Arrestee. He is presently a Life member of the NAACP, Instructor at Apex School of Theology, and member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.