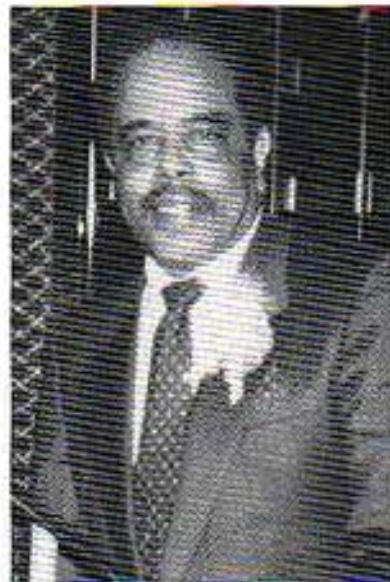


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ELDER JOSEPH TAYLOR

Elder Taylor was born in the picturesque settlement of Stannard Creed Andros Bahamas. He received his early education in the Bahamas. He lived in Miami, Florida for a short while before moving permanently to New York City in 1962. He worked as a captain for fifteen years at the American Hotel, which is now the New York Sheraton. He is presently employed in the catering department of the world famous Rainbow Room at 30 Rockefeller Plaza. In 1977, he graduated from New York University, having studied Food and Beverage Service Management. He continued his education at the New York School for Hotel and Motel Management, affiliated with Cornell University, graduating in 1982.

In 1972, he moved from the Bronx to the lower eastside of Manhattan, where he joined the Dewitt Reformed Church, and in 1974 he was elected to the consistory (the governing body of the church). In 1974, Joseph Taylor was ordained an Elder of his church, where on occasion he led the worship service and preached the gospel. He served as Treasurer and Building Chairman simultaneously for twelve years. Striving to increase his religious education, he registered at the New York Theological Seminary to study Christian Ministry. He graduated in 1987.

Elder Taylor promotes many fundraising events, including concerts with the Boys Choir of Harlem, the Whitney Ensemble, Black History Month concert paying tribute to Black heroes past and present, fashion shows with Mama Lue Parks paying tribute to Duke Ellington. A trained singer, Elder Taylor sings and speaks at many of the churches in our city, including the First Reformed Church of Astoria; Elmendorf Reformed Church, Victory Baptist Church, St. John Episcopal, and the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. Despite his busy schedule, he never forgets where he came from and always supports the Nassau Bahamas Association. He is very proud of his Bahamian roots.