

The Radisson Hotel
175 Jefferson Road, Henrietta, NY 14623
Installation Dinner
Sunday, September 18, 2016
5 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies

Daniel Scurlock

WHBC Treasurer and Search Committee member

Harpist

John Gasper

Welcome

Rev. Alan Newton

Executive Minister, ABC Rochester/Genesee Region

The Blessing

Rev. Dr. Linda Hickmon Evans

Assistant Pastor, St. Luke Tabernacle Community Church

Dinner

Grand Ball Room

Benediction

Rev. Lois Golbourne

Associate Pastor, Genesee Baptist Church

Directions: Go north on West Henrietta Road/Route 15 for 3.5 miles to left on Jefferson Road/Route 252. Go 1.5 miles on Jefferson Road to The Radisson on the left. Travel time approximately 10 minutes.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

FOR THE REV. PETER GRINION

MSW, M.DIV, ED. D, PH. D, LCSW

West Henrietta Baptist Church
3 p.m. Sunday, September 18, 2016

Edo Frenkel, Choir Director John Nohaft, Organist

Prelude

Call to Worship Rev. Alan G. Newton
Executive Minister, ABC Rochester/Genesee Region

Hymn 58 (green book) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"
(verses 1,2,3,6)

Invocation Rev. Lawrence Hargrave
Retired Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-9 Rev. Clara White
WHBC Deacon

New Testament Reading: John 15:14-17 Daniel Scurlock
WHBC Treasurer

Special Music

St. Luke Tabernacle Community Church Choir

Greetings:

ABCRGR Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
Pastor of First Baptist Church of Brockport

American/Jamaican Community Rev. Edward Jenkins
Pastor of Ebenezer Methodist Church, Brooklyn

Rush-Henrietta Interfaith League Rev. David Inglis
Pastor of Henrietta United Church of Christ

of mental and behavioral health at Anthony Jordan Health Center from 2006 to 2007; pastor of Parsells Avenue Community Church, Rochester; and a member of both the Executive Board and the Ordination Review Committee of ABC Rochester/Genesee Region. Prior to his call to West Henrietta Baptist Church, he served as the Assistant Director of Housing and Programs at Heritage Health and Housing, Manhattan.



His life, teaching and preaching fit into a community-oriented church. He was awarded the Mayor's Citation for Outstanding Community Service, in Louisville in 1996; the Mayor's Citation for Community/Diversity Involvement in Rochester in 2002; the Rochester Jamaican Organization's Community Leadership and Service Award in 2013; and the Early Stimulation Plus School Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Building Program and Program Development, Kingston, Jamaica, in 2014.

Dr. Grinion is the father of six children: Donald Grinion, Joey-Ann Grinion, twin boys, Ayden and Bryce Grinion; and stepsons, Daniel Brown and Kolin Brown. His mother, Sidna Ginion; sister, Jennifer Grinion; and brother, Linval Grinion reside in Jamaica.

Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion

Born in Thompson Hill, Hanover, Jamaica, to the late Cyril Grinion and Sidna Grinion, Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion has spent many years studying and preparing for the ministry he now undertakes. His academic resume includes simultaneous undergraduate studies from 1980 to 1984 at the United Theological College of the West Indies and the University of the West Indies. He holds two master's degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He earned a Master of Divinity degree there in 1992 and a Master of Social Work degree in 1996. He also holds two doctorates, a Doctor of Education degree completed in 1999 at Spalding University in Louisville and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of KWA-Zulu, Natal, Durban, South Africa. He received his Licensed Clinical Social Work (LCSW) Board Certificate from the State University of New York State in 2006.

Following completion of his intensive undergraduate studies in 1984, young Grinion was ordained to the Christian ministry by the Ebenezer Circuit of Baptist Churches, St. Andrew, Jamaica. He served there as Senior Pastor until 1988. He then served as Senior Pastor of Jericho Circuit of Baptist Churches until 1991. During those years, Rev. Grinion served bi-vocationally as a Probation and Parole officer with the Jamaica Correctional Services.

Dr. Grinion was professor of Social Work at Roberts Wesleyan College from 1999 to 2014; director

Rochester Community
Brenda Lee
Retired dean at U of R School of Medicine and Dentistry

West Henrietta Baptist Church
Bonita Healy
WHBC Moderator

Offerings Pastor Ronald M. Poles
Pastor of The Church of The First Born

Offertory

Introduction of Speaker Leanna Shirley
Chairperson, WHBC Board of Deacons

Special Music Genesee Baptist Church Choir

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vera Miller
Senior Pastor of Genesee Baptist Church

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Covenantal Statement Between Church and Pastor

Prayer over Pastor and Congregation
Rev. Dr. James Evans
Pastor of St. Luke Tabernacle Community Church

Presentation of Gifts

Remarks by Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion

Hymn 495 (green book) "A Charge to Keep I Have"

Benediction Rev. Dr. Peter Grinion

Postlude

Today's Speaker

This year marks the Rev. Dr. Vera Miller's 20th year as pastor of Genesee Baptist Church. The church has tripled its attendance under her leadership. Her accomplishments include initiating a Summer Arts Program for neighborhood youth and fundraising for building and grounds improvements. She has served on the Ordination Review Committee of the American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region for more than a decade and was recognized for outstanding service. She also earned the Sojourner Truth Award, the highest award given by The Rochester Genesee Valley Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.



As a vocalist, Dr. Miller has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City and at the Eastman Theater. She toured western New York as a soloist with Chuck Mangione and continues to sing in her church choir.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., Dr. Miller holds graduate degrees from SUNY Brockport and Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School where she received a Doctor of Ministry in Transformative Leadership.

She has three adult children, Rogena, Rodney, and Veronica Miller, and three grandchildren, Donovan Lee, Michelle Leola, and Sidney Marie.

An Historical Perspective

The Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion is installed today as the 48th pastor of the 201-year-old West Henrietta Baptist. Although WHBC's first permanent black pastor, Dr. Grinion, as a native of Jamaica, follows another tradition long known here: immigrant pastor. Preachers from England, Scotland, and Canada have filled the pulpit of Henrietta's oldest church building, sharing the Word with the lilts, brogues, and accents of their homelands.



Dr. Grinion also follows in the footsteps of the congregation's first ordained pastor, the Rev. Thomas Gorton, who preached, beginning in 1815, in the first barns and homes along the Genesee River. Not until 1818 was a log cabin church built. This first pastor pioneered with his neighbors, shared their New England roots -- and eventually their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Rev. Gorton was a fifth-generation descendant of Samuel Gorton, an Englishman persecuted and banished by the Massachusetts Bay Colony, who spent the rest of his life championing the Rhode Island charters that gave that tiny colony -- and by example ultimately a new nation -- both religious freedom and the separation of church and state.

WHBC is grateful to God today for a pastor equipped to lead us into our third century with the same bold Christian spirit that built our past.