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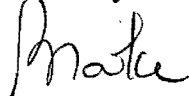
The Honorable Carol H. Rasco  
Assistant to the President  
Office of Domestic Policy  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Rasco *Carol,*

I appreciate your willingness to consider having a White House Fellow join your staff next Fall. After examining the records of all seventeen members of next year's class of Fellows, I have enclosed information on the two whom I believe would best meet your needs.

Ms. Johnson-Cook and Ms. McCown will be in Washington from June 21 to 25. My Special Assistant, William Wechsler, will contact you shortly to set up convenient times for you to interview them during this week. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Brooke Shearer  
Director

*Will Wechsler*  
*x4522*

**SUMMARY C. UPDATE DATA  
PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS**

CANDIDATE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION	PROFESSIONAL	AWARDS/INTERESTS
JOHNSON COOK, Suzan	United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH: '90 D.Min.	Mariners' Temple Baptist Church, New York, NY	Administrative Fellow Harvard University Divinity School	Led grassroots population in purchasing 2 church properties
<u>CURRENT POSITION</u> Senior/Pastor/ Executive Director	'83, M.Div., Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY	Multi-Ethnic Center (MEC), New York, NY NYC Police Department Chaplain	Urban Consultation Ruschlikon Zurich, Sweden	Obtained \$58,000 grant from Trinity Church, Wall Street
<u>Date of Birth:</u> 01/28/57	'78, M.A. Columbia University, New York, NY		Adjunct Professor, Harvard University, Homiletics	Benjamin E. Mays Fellow
<u>Place of Birth:</u> New York, New York	'76, BS (Honors), Emerson College, Boston, MA		General Board, American Baptist Churches USA	Cecelia Cabiness Award, YWCA NY Woman of Conscience Award, United Nations, NY Keynote Speaker, American Baptist Churches Biennial

**SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO PROFESSIONAL FIELD:**

Two important contributions are: I recently published 2 books to encourage the support and inclusion of women in the ordained ministry. I recently represented urban churches at a consultation of world leaders in Sweden.

**LIFETIME GOAL:**

My life's ambitions are comprehensive. My professional goals include strengthening ties, and to encourage partnership between the church, public and private sectors. I also hope to lead a national nonprofit organization which will provide resources for the inner-city. It is my desire, long-term to also serve as president for a Historically Black College.

**VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

New York Coalition of 100 Black Women; Hamilton-Madison Settlement House; 5th Precinct Community Council; Mayor's Steering Committee of the African-American Burial Ground, New York, City; Partnership of Faith in New York City.

**LEISURE:**

I am a sports enthusiast and enjoy playing basketball and tennis. I enjoy international travel. I attempt to provide balance with recreation, family and work.

**POLICY PROPOSAL:**

Possible Family Reunification through Employment Act.

**REGIONAL ESSAY:**

Health Care Reform in the United States.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: THE REV. DR. SUZAN D. JOHNSON COOK**

Suzan D. Johnson Cook, a native New Yorker, is the senior pastor of Mariners' Temple Baptist Church, the oldest Baptist Church in New York City. In 1983, at age 26, she became the first African-American woman ever to be elected senior pastor of an American Baptist congregation in its 200-year history. She is the executive director of the Multi-Ethnic Center NY, and the first female NYC Police Department Chaplain, appointed in 1990 by former Commissioner Lee P. Brown and Mayor David N. Dinkins.

Under her leadership the church was revitalized, growing from an active membership of 60 to more than 1,000 persons in two different congregations. Serving a predominantly African-American congregation, she has been instrumental in building interracial/ethnic cooperation. Bilingual in Spanish and English, several bicultural worship experiences have occurred. Amongst the innovative and progressive programs created under her administration are: Lunch Hour of Power, a weekly worship service for more than 500 business persons; a media broadcast; a children's ministry, which includes the Multi-Ethnic Learning Center, an after-school program stressing excellence in education; a multi-staff ministry and outreach to the NYC Police Department personnel.

An extensive traveler, she has lived in West Africa and Spain; has spoken in national and international settings which include: Havana, Cuba; American Baptist Churches, USA, 1989 Biennial; and the Urban Consultation, Ruschlikon, Switzerland in 1991. She also served as official interpreter for a musical delegation to Cuba.

A graduate of Boston's Emerson College, receiving her B.S. Degree at age 19, she received her M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia Univ., 1978, and M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary, NYC, 1983. She completed her doctoral studies at the United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH, where she was a Sam Proctor Fellow, receiving her D.Min., May, 1990. In October, 1989 she began a sabbatic leave to serve as a President's Administrative Fellow, Harvard Univ., The Divinity School, Cambridge, MA. She now serves there as a visiting professor in urban studies and homiletics.

A prolific writer, she has several published works. Her book, Wise Women Bearing Gifts: Joys and Struggles of their Faith, released by Judson Press in 1988, is in its third printing. In 1992 her second book, Preaching in Two Voices, was also released by Judson Press. Active in community affairs, she serves on the board of the Hamilton-Madison Settlement Houses; is an officer of the New York Coalition of 100 Black Women; is advisor to local corporate leaders and elected officials; was elected to the National Board of the American Baptist Churches of the USA; and was appointed to the Steering Committee, African American Burial Ground, New York, NY.

Suzan is married to Mr. Ronald Cook. They have one son, Samuel David.

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# White House Fellowship Application

1. Name (Last, first, middle)

Johnson Cook, Suzan Denise

2. Preferred title

- Mr.       Mrs.       Miss       Ms.  
 Other Rev. Dr.

3. Other names used (e.g., maiden)

Sujay Johnson

4. Home address (Include ZIP Code)

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4a. Permanent address if not same as above

7. Employer and address

Mariners' Temple Baptist Church  
3 Henry Street  
New York, N.Y. 10038

8. Your business address and position  
(and military rank, when applicable)

Same as above, Senior Pastor/C.E.O.  
Mariners' Temple Baptist  
Church

9. Your job affiliation:

- Academe       Business       Military  
 State and Local Government       Law  
 Health Care       Other Profession  
 Non-profit Organization       Student or Fellow

5. Phone (Include area codes)

Home: P6/b(6)

Office: (212) 233-0612

10. Birthplace (City and state, or foreign country)

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6. Are you a citizen of the United States of America?

- Yes       No

11. Birth date (Month, day, year)

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12. Social Security Number

13. Have you ever worked for or are you now working for the Federal Government or are you being paid by Federal funds?  
(Include Active Duty Military Service.) If so, please explain and give inclusive dates.

No

Have you ever been discharged from the Armed forces under other than honorable conditions?

- Yes       No

If your answer is **yes**, give details on a separate sheet of paper.

14. Have you ever been discharged from any job, or have you quit after being informed that your employer intended to discharge you?

- Yes       No

If yes, give details on separate sheet.

15. It is helpful for the Commissioners evaluating your application to see "at a glance" the development of education and career patterns. Therefore, on a separate sheet of paper, please provide a chronological listing of all positions you have held, employers, and dates held. Work back from your current position and include all post-secondary school education. Account for all periods of unemployment and military service.

(Please see attached)

# Educational Background

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16. Please provide the following information about your education, high school and beyond:

Name and location of schools	Dates attended From            To	Degree or diploma and field	Class rank (top 10% 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th quarter)
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(Please see attached)

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17. Please list, describe and explain the purposes of the major extracurricular activities in which you participated. For each activity listed, specify the name of the school, college or university; any offices held; the length of your membership and the level of your participation. Also list any major awards or recognitions received.

(Please see attached)

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## Work Experience

18. If you have taken a test or examination that is required in order to qualify for the practice of any occupation or profession, give the information requested for each such test or examination, and for each time you took the examination, if more than once.

Full name of test or examination (NOT initials)	Administering agency	State or jurisdiction	Year	Passed	
N/A				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

19. After having qualified for the practice of any occupation or profession, have you ever been barred from such practice or disciplined by any agency because of your conduct? .....  Yes  No

If your answer is **yes**, state on a separate sheet of paper the dates of and reasons for such debarment or disciplining, the name and address of the agency concerned, and whether you have been reinstated.

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CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Spring, 1990 - Present Visiting Professor Urban Studies	Harvard University, The Divinity School Cambridge, MA
October, 1990 - Present Chaplain	NYC Police Department New York, NY
October, 1983 - Present Senior Pastor (First African-American woman to lead an American Baptist Church)	Mariners' Temple Baptist Church New York, NY
September, 1986 - Present Executive Director and Founder	Multi-Ethnic Center, Inc. New York, NY
September, 1989 - August, 1990 President's Administrative Fellow	Harvard University The Divinity School Cambridge, MA
January, 1988 - May, 1990 Doctor of Ministry Student	United Theological Seminary Dayton, OH Degree received May, 1990
September, 1989 - May, 1989 Adjunct Professor	New York Theological Seminary New York, NY
September, 1982 - October, 1983 Media Minister	American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York New York, NY
September, 1981 - May, 1983 Master of Divinity Student	Union Theological Seminary New York, NY Degree received May, 1983
May, 1981 - May, 1982 Public Relations Officer	Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center Bronx, NY
August, 1980 - March, 1981 Public Affairs Producer	WPLG - TV Miami, Florida



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Summer, 1980 Free-Lance Writer/Researcher	West Africa
October, 1979 - June, 1980 Associate Producer	WBZ - TV Boston, MA
Fall, 1978 Student	Howard University Washington, DC
June, 1978 - October, 1979 Floor Director/Producer	WJLA - TV Washington, DC
September, 1976 - January, 1978 Master of Arts Student	Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY Degree received January, 1978
Summers, 1975 and 1977 Trainee/Representative	New York Telephone Company New York, NY
September, 1974 - May, 1976 Undergraduate Student	Emerson College Boston, MA
Summer, 1976 Student	Operation Crossroads Africa Ghana, West Africa
Summer 1973 and 1974 Receptionist/Trainee	Johnson Security Bureau, Inc. Bronx, NY
Summer, 1972 and 1973 Counselor-in-Training	New York Day Camp Bronx, NY
September, 1973 Undergraduate Student	Fisk University Nashville, TN
Summer, 1971 Exchange Student	University of Valencia Valencia, Spain

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Name and Location of Schools:	Dates Attended From - To:	Degree or Diploma and Field:	Class Rank:
Riverdale Country School Bronx, NY	1969 - 1974	High School	Top Third
Fisk University Nashville, TN	1973 - 1974	Transferred	Top 10%
Emerson College Boston, MA	1974 - 1976	BS in Speech cum laude; Speech and Mass Communications	Top 10%
Teachers College, Columbia University New York, NY	1976 - 1978	Master of Arts Educational Media	Top Third
Howard University	Fall, 1978	Coursework: Religion and Communications	N/A
Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY	1981 - 1983	Master of Divinity	N/A
United Theological Seminary Dayton, OH	1988 - 1990	Doctor of Ministry	Top 10%

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### MAJOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

#### Union Theological Seminary:

For two years, I worked with the Black Women's Caucus as a member. Through involvement in this organization, Black women, who were mentors and role models, were invited to share their experiences. (Worked while attending seminary.)

#### Columbia University:

For one year, I taught neighborhood youth in the areas of creative drama techniques and video production; I also performed for six months with a musical theatre company which taught literary skills via the arts.

#### Emerson College:

For one year, I served as the co-chair of the Black students' organization, E.B.O.N.I.; for two years I directed the Wuhabi Theatre Company which toured the New England states; in 1976, I wrote and arranged a musical score for a production which the company performed; in 1975, I was elected to the Financial Advisory Board and to the Student Council. In my senior year, I served as a Resident Assistant for freshmen women in the dormitory; was also a recipient of the "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," and the Gold Key Honor Society; received the award for the best musician; played Varsity Basketball each year.

#### Fisk University:

Varsity Basketball and Tennis Teams; served as Student Manager for Men's Varsity Championship Basketball Team; Beta Kappa Chi Honor Society; organized Freshman Choir; Honors Spanish Club.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: PRESIDENT-ELECT BILL CLINTON

FROM: SUZAN D. JOHNSON COOK, <sup>sp</sup>SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DOMESTIC  
POLICY OFFICE

RE: FAMILY REUNIFICATION THROUGH EMPLOYMENT ACT.

There is a need to "re-package" and focus existing support aimed at the nation's working poor, to encourage family reunification through the provision of employment skill development and employment.

The working poor, a large percentage of whom live in the inner-cities, and whose income is below the national average, have been disproportionately affected by the current economic conditions, which has resulted in the loss of more than 300,000 jobs in the unskilled and blue collar categories. As a result, this group has often struggled with not only job loss, but also the threat of homelessness. To ensure that the family "survives," husbands have often abandoned their wives and children so that welfare and medical benefits are available. This has been heightened in recent months by many fathers and husbands taking their lives because of the degradation which happens to the family.

The current legislation in effect often penalizes two-parent families, with a high frequency of the family breaking up, becoming dysfunctional, truancy, and the dropping out of school of their children, as well as the increase in crime, health problems, and lack of motivation.

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It is my recommendation that domestic policy initiatives have as their underlying goal the unification of families through the provision of employment and employment skill development. As President, you can incorporate the theme of the importance of the family to provide leadership and direction in this area.

The Reunification through Employment Act would include: Affordable housing, participation in job development, employment, daycare, medical services, tutorial/homework help assistance and skills testing. All services would be directed to support the family unit versus the providing service to individuals within the family. The WIC Program is an example of how these services can be re-focused.

The disadvantage of this program revolves around the possible elimination of the traditional programs aimed at this group and, therefore, public perception that the Administration is "cutting back" on services and commitment to the poor. At the same time, there is likely to be a commensurate reduction in administrative jobs as emphasis shifts to the direct provider/counselor. Costs are likely to be \$20,000 per family unit.

The advantage of this program are: The redefinition of service to the working poor and unemployed; the increase in productivity, and thereby the decrease in crimes for this segment; an increase in the attendance and performance of school children whose lives will reflect their stability; and a better attitude towards the Administration by many who had postured themselves hostilely. Most importantly, families will be strengthened.

I would strongly urge you to convene the Domestic Policy Cabinet Council, presenting them with the goals of the program: To reunify families through employment. Ask your appointed Secretaries to identify the program in their agencies which may be replaced, strengthened, or duplicated by this act. Ask them to report their findings in four months, and utilize their report findings to make a major announcement regarding domestic policies which aim at the preservation and support of working-poor families.

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Raised in New York's inner-city, I gained an acute awareness of the social and cultural deprivation surrounding me. My parents migrated from the rural South, working daily, sharing their resources with the immediate/extended family. I, representing their hopes and dreams, was taught to respond to others' plights, and began to work with social agencies and churches.

They sacrificed to send me to private school, yet, I felt compelled to remember those who had less. I saw the disenfranchised all about me. At age five, my father's dream became a reality, when he opened a security agency in our home. We worked cooperatively with its formation and development.

Life's avenues would lead to higher education and a successful television career. Yet, I had an insatiable desire to serve in the church, and entered the Christian ministry. While in seminary, I became the first Black woman pastor in the American Baptist Churches, assuming leadership for a community.

Today, I'm part of an extended family. My ministry impacts the lives of more than 1,000 people weekly. A community now thrives. I'm able to motivate and empower people through my preaching and teaching. I also help young ministers on staff and in seminaries where I teach.

My community encourages me to run for the City Council or a Congressional seat, but I desire to share my skills as president of an historically Black college, wherein I may continue to build on the extended family concept.

As a White House Fellow, I could be interested in serving with the Peace Corps or as a Domestic Policy Advisor, where my skills can tie into the needs of the Administration, and where I can understand government from the executive level. As an accomplished local leader, I welcome the ability to contribute my talents to the nation's best.

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As pastor of Mariners' Temple, the oldest Baptist Church in Manhattan, I provide leadership for a community on New York's Lower Eastside. I receive inspiration working in partnership with people as they grow in their pursuits. I organize and motivate bus drivers, Welfare recipients, as well as government/city workers and corporate executives weekly, through my preaching and teaching. Through my efforts, an institution and a community have been revitalized.

My life's work includes: conceiving and implementing an educational/skills development program for at-risk youth; hours of community technical advisement; counsel to civilian and police personnel; participation in the formation of a family security guard agency; and coordinating local elections.

On a weekly basis, my ministry has a direct effect on more than 1,000 people, some of whom have been motivated to work for the first time in their lives; others who have completed their education and come off Welfare; still others who realized suicide was not their only option and chose to live. Through my leadership, I empower and encourage, and view these as gifts. I also help young ministers as they develop, by teaching at two major seminaries and also by training my staff.

As a White House Fellow, serving with the Secretaries in the Department of Labor, Domestic Policy, or the State Department, I could have an opportunity to increase my knowledge about government on the executive level, and also refine my skills as I seek to respond to the trends and developments I see: the rapid technological advancements, with many unable to compete; the need for educational development as many succumb to illiteracy; and the challenge to form partnerships with the world community. I would not only benefit from receiving this experience, but will also contribute my expertise as an accomplished leader on the local level.



### LEISURE AND FREE TIME

Having been blessed with a strong and close family who believed in the work ethic, who stressed positive values, and who made clear the importance of inter-generational activities, the family unit continues to remain a focal point in both my professional and personal life.

I especially enjoy those encounters which provide relaxation and stimulation, and which promote family unity, both with my biological and extended families.

Travel is also important to me, both as an educational venture and to explore new areas. Early in my life, I was urged to develop a global consciousness, and was afforded many opportunities to journey to new cultures and to different areas of the world. Summers with my family, during junior high school, were spent in Santurce, Puerto Rico. This laid the foundation during my high school sophomore year to desire to study in Spain as an exchange student, where I became bilingual in English and Spanish. Since that time, I have developed many friendships around the world, and most frequently find myself vacationing in the Caribbean.

What was most exciting was my participation in Operation Crossroads Africa, a program designed to promote intercultural exchange with African students, teachers, and villagers. While living and working in West Africa on a media project, the summer after my college graduation, I not only discovered a new land, but also rejoiced in discovering the roots of my heritage. It was there that I was affirmed and where I learned the importance of connectedness with my past. History became alive, and I endeavored to place myself in settings which would satisfy this new insatiable desire. Not long after this encounter, I went to the Middle East and to Egypt, where I would learn the value of ecumenism and how to be tolerant of other faiths and beliefs. More recently, I was asked to participate as a pastor and student with a musical delegation to Havana, Cuba, where I also served as the group's interpreter. Through each of these experiences, I was challenged to increase my vocabulary and vision, and was propelled into thinking of myself not only as a citizen of a local community, but also of the world.

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Participation in team sports has always excited me and truly has its advantages, for all of life's networks require teamwork. Basketball and tennis have been the sports where I have been most active, and have helped to engage me in conversations with both amateurs and professional athletes.

Cultural activities also interest me very much, especially live theatre and fine arts museums. Exhibits with historical significance intrigue me, and both New York and Cambridge provided numerous settings for the development of my appreciation of these art forms. My most memorable experience was performing during graduate school, and helping children from the inner-city learn to read through the medium of performing arts.

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- 1980: Selected for "Seven's Best Award," for Best Employee of the Week, WJLA - TV, Channel 7, Washington, D.C.
- 1983: Received "Against the Odds Award," for role modeling, presented by the Parents Council of the Northside Center for Children.
- 1983: October, was elected first African-American female to lead an American Baptist congregation in its 200-year history.
- Featured as an "Essence Woman," "Essence" magazine.
  - Received a Benjamin E. Mays Fellowship for ministry.
- 1984: Helped four youth of the community with admission into college and with receiving scholarships. They were the first in their families' history to attend college.
- Was entered into the "Congressional Record" for significant achievements.
  - Featured in "NY Times" for church and community work.
- 1985: "Achievers Award," presented by the NY Coalition of 100 Black Women.
- 1986: Raised \$30,000 in a six-week period from grassroots community, to satisfy mortgage on property adjacent to the church; allowed those who are economically deprived to realize their potential and to become property owners for the first time in their history.
- Traveled to Havana, Cuba with a musical delegation which shared the African-American experience in music and religion; served as translator for the group (fluent in Spanish).

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1986 - CONTINUED:

- Featured in "New York" Magazine as "One of the Powers That Will Be in the Year 2000."
- Began Christian-Jewish dialogue with The Village Synagogue and jointly shared in an annual Seder.

1987: Began a restoration and renovation campaign for the historic landmark at 12 Oliver Street.

- Received "Woman of Conscience Award" from The National Council of Women of the United Nations.
- Featured in December "Cosmopolitan" Magazine for work with inner-city children.

1988: Obtained grant from Trinity Church, Wall Street, New York, NY, for literacy program for latchkey children.

- Released and edited my first book on women in the ministry: Wise Women Bearing Gifts: Joys and Struggles of their Faith (Judson Press, Valley Forge); now in its third printing.
- Helped to organize ministries to the mentally retarded and to the families of substance abusers.
- Received funding from The Landmarks Preservation Society for a Condition Survey.
- Featured on NBC-TV's "Today" Show as "A Woman Making a Difference in the Clergy."

1989: Invited to be the keynote speaker for The International Biennial Celebration of the American Baptist Churches, USA, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; addressed more than 8,000 delegates.

- The Multi-Ethnic Center, which I created, was featured on CBS-TV's "A World of Difference," for helping with race relations.

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1989: CONTINUED:

- Chaired the voter registration drive for the NY Coalition of 100 Black Women; registered more than 2,500 persons in all five boroughs in three major efforts.

1990: Appointed first female NY City Police Department Chaplain.

- Was one of two NY families invited to be on NBC-TV's "Family Feud."
- Cover story for "New York Newsday," as one of the leading black ministers in NYC.

1991: Elected 2nd Vice President, NY Coalition of 100 Black Women

- Married to Mr. Ronald Cook on October 11th.

1992: Second published book released: Preaching in Two Voices: Sermons on the Women in Jesus' Life (Judson Press).

- Selected as the only woman minister ever to deliver the invocation at the Democratic National Convention, NY.
- Featured in "NY Daily News," cover story: "Women and the Word," series on the African-American ministry.
- Selected by the Mayor of the City of New York to serve on the Steering Committee, African Burial Ground, New York, NY.
- Chaired NY Coalition of 100 Black Women's Committee for Adopt-a-School Program, to help inner-city youth.
- Led the congregation in the purchase of the Mariners' Temple Baptist Church building from the American Baptist Churches of the USA.

# DAILY NEWS

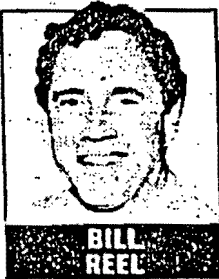
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## Downtown minister is keeping the faith



**BILL REEL**

You get angry at so-called men of God like Bakker, Swaggart and Sharpton who make headlines that make religion look bad. For-

get them. Listen to a woman of God, the Rev. Suzan Johnson, JI.

"We have to get back to basics," Johnson preached at the weekly Wednesday noon service at Mariners' Temple Baptist Church yesterday. The "amens" from 400 spirit-filled worshipers who packed the pews in the old Greek Revival building on Oliver and Henry Sts. showed they agreed.

"When I was going to Public School 78 in the Bronx, my mother was teaching at PS 194 in Harlem, and if I got home before she did, the other mothers on the block looked after me. One made sure I washed my hands, another saw that I got a snack, another made sure I did my

homework, another gave a report about me to my mother when she got home.

"We were taught discipline. Homework had to be done—no homework, no double-dutch; no homework, no telephone calls; no homework, no TV.

"And we learned that same discipline in our faith: Love God with heart and soul and mind, with all your might."

Those convictions were lost by our society, however, Johnson said.

"Misplaced values came along. A moral void developed. We can see the distress: Drugs. Promiscuity. Mothers who can't even tell you who the fathers are.

"We have to get rid of that me-generation attitude, that doing your own thing.

"My prayer and challenge is: Listen and respond so God can use us.

"Our life—on our job, at home, in society — should reflect the love of God, should glorify God.

"We have to do three things: Love God, do what He commands, and diligently teach that to our children.

"When I hear the language children use, when I hear their lack of respect for

parents and teachers, I wonder what they're being taught these days.

"Children are not responsible for raising themselves.

"We have to teach them diligently. "As Jesse Jackson says, 'The blessed of us must tell the rest of us.'"

A handsome woman with a lovely smile and sweet voice, Johnson preached from an altar on a stage in front of a large cross. She wore a dark suit and pink blouse.

It was wonderful to see a church full of smiling faces. It's that way every Wednesday at Mariners' Temple. Worshipers seeking inspiration hurry over from their jobs in the nearby City Hall and Foley Square areas. The choir elevates them with beautiful singing, and Johnson inspires them with a spiritual message they can take back to their jobs and homes.

"Everybody needs a good word from God, and the good news is that God has a good word for everyone here," she assured the congregation as she stood up to preach yesterday. She conveyed hope. She spoke with authority. This was true

religion without pretense or manipulation or a hidden agenda.

Johnson gave up a lucrative job in television production to study for the ministry. She graduated from the demanding Union Theological Seminary. At 28, she became pastor at Mariners' Temple in 1983—the first black woman to head an American Baptist congregation. The church had only 15 active members when she arrived. She went door-to-door in nearby housing projects to invite people to worship. Now some 250 attend Sunday services. The busy church sponsors tutoring, sports, social programs and Bible study.

**T**O RAISE MONEY for renovation of the 193-year-old church, Lionel Hampton will play his vibes there at 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are going fast for this Palm Sunday concert.

As Easter approaches, new life flows in at Mariners' Temple thanks to a forward-looking pastor with old-fashioned beliefs, the Rev. Suzan Johnson. She restores your faith.

# Metropolitan News

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THE NEW YORK TIMES METROPOLITAN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1990



Chester Higgins Jr./The New York Times

Joyce B. Dinkins, the wife of the Mayor, is leading a citywide effort to start the school year on a positive note. She is urging parents to accompany their children to school on the first day and businesses to give

employees time off to do so. Children from the Multi-Ethnic Center at Mariner's Temple Baptist Church in Manhattan joined her yesterday for a news conference at City Hall.

## Salute to New York Schools Begins

By FELICIA R. LEE

New York City's First Lady, Joyce B. Dinkins, sporting a button that said "Make The First Day Second to None," began a campaign yesterday to encourage parents to accompany their children to school on the first day and to get businesses to give employees time off to do so.

Mrs. Dinkins is the chairwoman of a citywide effort to get families to start the school year with a commitment to education that will last through the school year. City elementary and junior high schools reopen Sept. 10 and high schools on Sept. 6 and 7.

The celebration of the first day of school, a program that runs from Sept. 1 through Sept. 14, includes broadcast and print public service announcements, corporate campaigns, a special effort to reach poor children and celebrity visits to city schools on the first day.

### 'Buddy Systems' Envisioned

"I've made a vow in my role as first lady to take part in the battle to preserve the future of our children," Mrs. Dinkins said at a City Hall news confer-

### Mrs. Dinkins hails the start of a new term.

myself with projects which support this effort, and that's why I said yes to chairing the First Day Back to School Project."

Students in middle and high schools will be encouraged through the campaign to create "buddy systems" to support one another to return to school and stay in school. Older students will also be asked to take younger children to school if their parents are not available.

Foster children and children living in shelters will get special attention. Businesses are donating new clothes and school supplies for them.

Schools Chancellor Joseph A. Fernandez, who attended the news conference, applauded the campaign. He said the schools were also reaching out to parents by informing them of their

ing them how to help their children with homework.

"It's so important the First Lady recognize the importance all of us place on education," Mr. Fernandez said. "We can't turn our schools around without serious parental involvement. They're not our schools — they belong to the parents and the children in our community."

### Children Welcome Mayor

A group of children from the Multi-Ethnic Center at Mariner's Temple Baptist Church on Manhattan's Lower East Side entertained those at the news conference with a song. When Mayor David N. Dinkins hurriedly entered the room, fresh from a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Public School 398 in Brooklyn, a little girl eagerly embraced him. Other children reached out to touch him or shake his hand.

After the Mayor read a proclamation declaring Sept. 1 through Sept. 14 "New York City Back to School Weeks," he engaged in banter with the small City Hall guests.

"You're our future, you know that?" he said. "You have to study hard. Lis-



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## TRIBUTE TO REV. SUZAN D. JOHNSON

**HON. BILL GREEN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 22, 1984*

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate a most remarkable woman, the Reverend Suzan D. Johnson, who, on Sunday, March 4, 1984, at 4:30 p.m. will be the first black woman in any American Baptist Church, nationwide, to be installed in a senior pastorate position, as pastor of the Mariners' Temple Baptist Church.

Reverend Johnson served as interim pastor for 6 months prior to her election as senior pastor. Under her leadership, the church grew from 60 active members to more than 200.

The Mariners' Temple Baptist Church, where the ceremony will take place, is the oldest Baptist Church on Manhattan Island. Established in 1785, it has had a great history, and has been named an historical landmark. The name derives from its having been originally established for seamen whose ships docked in the nearby East River.

I join my colleagues and my constituents in congratulating the Reverend Johnson and the Mariner's Temple Baptist Church and wishing them both continued success in the future.



# Council to honor female pastor

By J. ZAMGBA BROWNE  
*Amsterdam News Staff*

A Harlem-born preacher who five years ago broke century-old barriers and became the first Black female to lead an American Baptist church, will be cited at the U.N. on March 2.

The Rev. Sujay D. Johnson, pastor of Mariners' Temple Baptist Church, will at 7 p.m. be presented with the Woman of Conscience Award given by the National Council of Women of the United States at its annual dinner.

Each year since 1963, the Council has bestowed this honor on an American woman who in the group's opinion best exemplifies the merits of innovation, leadership and dedication to humanity.

Mrs. Merrinelle Sullivan, president of the Council said Monday that Rev. Johnson was chosen because "she stands as an inspiration for church and community leaders and in particular, women of conscience across the nation."

At age 26, Rev. Johnson was called to pastor a church in Chinatown, an area where the residents felt defeated and broken. It also is a community that reportedly was ethnically tense and spiritually deprived.

But Rev. Johnson took the challenge and within four years she had successfully reawakened and multiplied the congregation of a dying church through ambitious outreach programs that have helped unite a diverse community of Chinese, Blacks and Hispanics.

Rev. Johnson said she began to develop an interest in the ministry at 13, and at a time when it was unpopular for women to enter the clergy.

"By age 23, I had decided that I could no longer fight my true purpose in life and so I publicly announced my interest in the ministry," Rev. Johnson said.

With this important decision, Rev. Johnson said she immediately gave up her high paying job and enrolled at Union Theological Seminary to begin training for a new career.

Prior to that Rev. Johnson, at age 19, became the youngest person to graduate from Emerson College in Boston. One year later, she received her master's degree from Teachers College at Columbia University.

After leaving Columbia, Rev. Johnson pursued a career in communications and for five years was one of the few Black television producers in Miami, Fla.

Shortly before graduating from Union Theological Seminary, Rev. Johnson recalled being asked to serve as the interim pastor at Mariners' Temple Baptist Church.

Rev. Johnson said this took her by surprise because "I felt that I had three strikes against me," she noted. "I was young, single and female."



REV. SUJAY JOHNSON

The young pastor recalled preaching to about 15-20 hard members on her first Sunday on the job. These members still turn out for service each week in the facility which is capable of seating 1,000 persons.

"By all definitions, the church was dying. It was \$6,000 in the red and the doors were expected to close," Rev. Johnson explained. She added, "it seemed to many that I was sent for the final benediction."

After carefully assessing the situation, Rev. Johnson said she began to listen to the pulse of the community and then asked herself the following questions: "What did this community need? What was it they

needed?"

Gradually, said Rev. Johnson, the community began to "come to me to see this woman pastor that had come to Manhattan's lower East Side. Eventually, Rev. Johnson continued, invita-

tions were extended by community residents into their homes and into their homes and they helped to increase the church membership.

At this point, Rev. Johnson (Continued on Page 2)

## Council honors

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said she and her congregation launched a door-to-door evangelistic crusade in the area. "We weren't out to convert people but to invite them to a community church," she declared.

In less than eight months, Rev. Johnson added, over 150 new souls were won for Christ. "Energy was mounting and the word began to spread about our work and it was not long before I was asked to accept the position of full-time senior pastor," she said.

By the end of the first year, Rev. Johnson said membership had increased substantially to about 300. "By the third year, some 500 persons had joined the flock and new and innovative things began to happen," said Rev. Johnson.

Three years ago, she introduced a "Lunch Hour Of Power" ministry in response to workers in the nearby business community who wanted a source of spiritual renewal during the week.

According to Rev. Johnson, many workers said they felt "stuck" in their jobs rather than enjoying the satisfaction of a career. "I told them about a 45-minute worship service conducted at the church every Wednesday at noon and that we were providing lunch to the worshippers," she said.

At the first service, Rev. Johnson recalled, only about 40 people showed up, but as the word began to spread the number increased. At last count two months ago, she said the figure had reached 375.

Rev. Johnson said instead of trying to make people fit into programs, "we developed programs to fit the people." she had made education a primary target for the church because "most of the community's social problems are connected to education."



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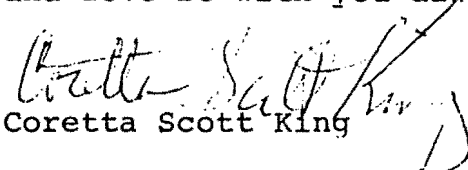
Dear Reverend Suzan D. Johnson and the congregation of the  
Mariner's Temple Baptist Church:

It is with great pleasure that I join with many others  
in saluting and congratulating you on this significant and  
historical occasion.

The congregation of the Mariner's Temple Baptist Church  
must be applauded for your wise decision to call Reverend  
Suzan Johnson as your pastor. I am certain beyond a doubt  
that your union will result in manifold blessings as you  
strive to bring the gospel to those who are seeking the  
bread of life.

Although I cannot be with you today in person, my prayers  
and thoughts are very much with you as you officially come  
together to begin your journey of faith up the King's Highway.

May God's grace, mercy and love be with you always,

  
Coretta Scott King

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# Renewed Church a Symbol of Easter

By KENNETH A. BRIGGS

On her first Sunday at Mariner's Temple Baptist Church two years ago, the Rev. Suzan Johnson preached to the 15 die-hard members who still regularly turned out for services. Most expected her to be interim pastor for a few weeks before the impoverished church would be forced to close.

"It was depressing," Miss Johnson says of that Sunday in the sanctuary built for seafarers in 1844 at the corner of Henry and Oliver Streets in Chinatown. "The doors were going to close. The people felt forgotten by the whole world."

Miss Johnson had long relished challenges, and so, drawing on her skills and energy, she ignited an evangelism campaign whose results befit the Easter message of revival.

In her first six months, she brought in more than 100 new members.

A year ago, with confidence building, the congregation asked her to be

its full-time pastor — the first black woman to lead an American Baptist congregation.

Today, the membership rolls have ballooned, from 60 to 400, an average of 250 people attend Sunday-morning services, and the church calendar is crammed with activities.

Members, young and old, heap praise, awe and adulation on their 28-year-old pastor, crediting her almost entirely with rescuing the church from the brink.

"Since she came, there has been a renaissance," said Marie Jenkins, 63 years old and a member of the board of deacons for many years. "It is due to her strength, her inspiration, her youth and her ability to love."

Michael Brown, 25, said he was drawn to the church a few months ago, "because she's just good."

Former TV Producer

Mr. Brown, like 95 percent of the congregation, lives in the neighborhood. Half are younger than 30, and a

dozen are counted as elderly. Growth has ridden a wave of enthusiasm symbolized by the pastor's motto, "Church alive in '85."

Miss Johnson, who was born in Harlem and graduated from the Riverdale Country Day School in the Bronx, entered the Union Theological Seminary in New York after working for three television stations as a public-affairs producer.

She has accomplished a Lazarus-like feat at Mariner's Temple as a woman in the traditional male role of the preacher in the black church. The image was so daunting that Miss Johnson says she shied away from the pastorate during seminary. But her experience at the church, she says, has dispelled her hesitations.

"I haven't had the resistance I'd anticipated by being a female," she said in an interview. "Both men and women have been behind me. And many of my male Baptist colleagues who have a lot of respect in the church have come forth and supported me and invited me to preach in their churches."

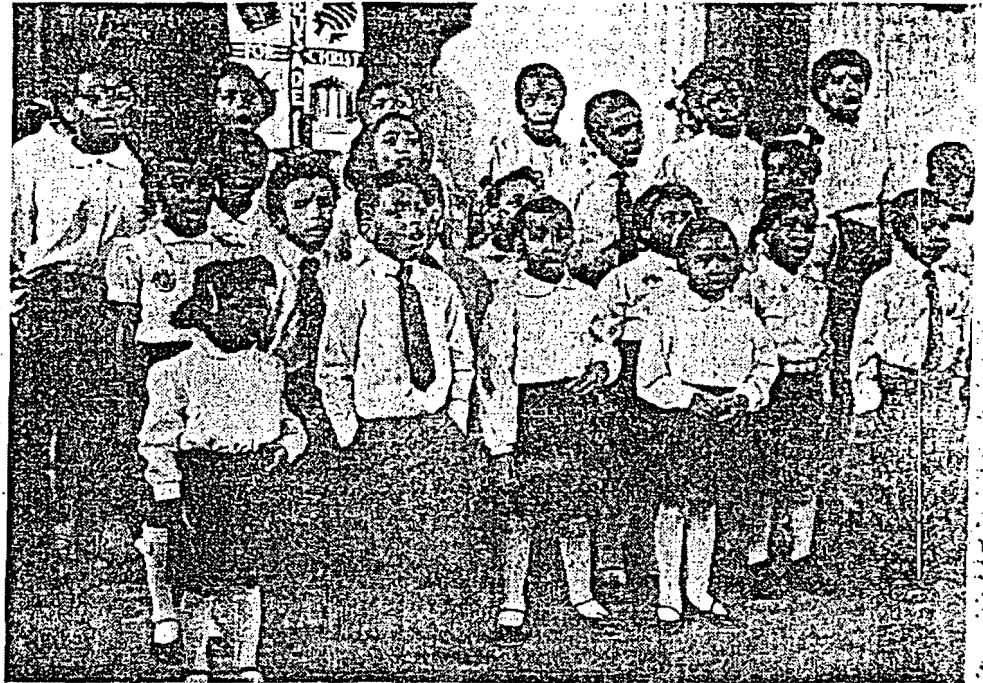
"Many people came, at first, out of curiosity to see a woman preacher," said the Rev. Carl Flemister, executive minister of the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York. "They stayed because she knows what she's doing and does it so well."

## A 'Teaching Preacher'

But she says the aura that has usually gone with the preacher can be jolting. "The image is so defied it scares me," Miss Johnson said. "If we disappoint people, we can forget it," referring to the ability to be effective. "It puts pressure on us to live the life that we preach."

Congregants say she delivers the message with joy, persuasion and punch. They describe her as a "teaching preacher," blending rousing music, inspirational words, passages of Scripture and warm humor into the two-hour worship service.

On Palm Sunday, she made her way toward the pulpit behind the 50-member singing and clapping choir.



Members of the Crusade for Christ Children's Choir, singing during a recent Sunday service.



The Rev. Suzan Johnson, pastor of Mariner's Temple Baptist Church, at Henry and Oliver Streets in Chinatown, addressing the congregation.

She wore a white robe and a broad smile.

As she reached her place at the head of the congregation, beneath a banner whose red letters proclaimed "Crusade for Christ," she knelt to pray beneath a large wooden cross.

The pews of the Greek Revival church continued to fill as she began the service. She evoked expressions of thankfulness and ripples of laughter as she led the worshippers in prayer and preaching.

As she often does, she reminded the congregation that "body building," a term by which she refers to growth, means more than adding members. "We must also grow spiritually," she said.

The church's survival adds another page to its long history of ethnic flux and complex pattern of service. The original congregation was founded as the first Baptist church on Manhattan 190 years ago. Over the years, the present building has been home to Swedes, Germans, Italians, Latvians, Norwegians and Russians. During the 1880's, more than 1,500 sailors attended worship every month.

Various forms of aid were made available to immigrants. At the turn of the century, the church provided food, housing, employment help and medical care. One of the better-known ministers of that period was the Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, who became senior pastor of River-

side Church.

Miss Johnson honors the past but takes her cues from the needs of the present. She has adapted to a new situation by preaching the traditional Word in her own way, which includes playing basketball at the church picnic and going door-to-door seeking new members.

Miss Jenkins said she was skeptical, at first, about having a woman as minister, but became a wholehearted believer. "She can meet everyone's needs," Miss Jenkins said. "She can be a mother, a sister, even a little girl."

"After she was here a month, I thought that if there was going to be a turnaround, she would do it."

# Multi-ethnic learning youth center opens

A Multi-Ethnic Learning Center for inner-city youth with the goal of building self esteem, planning and preparing for productive careers, and coping with the daily problems of society opened recently at Mariners' Temple Baptist Church, 3 Henry St., Chinatown, Manhattan.

Sponsored by the Church, and funded in part by the Greater New

York Fund/United Way and Con Edison, the comprehensive academic and recreational program is geared to 7th, 8th and 9th graders and is being offered each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At the kick-off ceremony, Mariners' Temple pastor and program director, Rev. Suzan D. Johnson, was joined by keynote speaker, Rev. Mark Taylor of the Salem United

Methodist Church, Manhattan, and other civic leaders with a "message of hope for young people."

"Dare to dream and dare to be different in times like these, is the theme of our program," said Rev. Johnson. "The students fantasize about what they want to become. We then examine career opportunities, set long-term goals and provide students with the tools for reaching those goals.

Each student's needs, interests and abilities are taken into consideration. We hope to motivate more children to stay in school and establish positive attitudes about the future."

"The program is necessary," continued Rev. Johnson, "because of the high percentage of youngsters who never complete high school and because of the high risk of our children in becoming involved in drugs, teenage pregnancies, and the many other inherent problems in our society."

Courses include: math, ethnic studies, calligraphy and drama. The program will be expanded in the near future to include vocational and career training classes.

For further information students can call



**CENTER'S BIGGIES** - At the kick-off ceremony for the Multi-Ethnic Learning Center, Mariners Temple Baptist Church Pastor and Program Director, Suzan D. Johnson (third from left) thanks keynote speaker the Rev. Mark Taylor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Manhattan. With them are Center staff members: (l-r) Diane Wilson, arts director; Robynne Carlson, calligraphy instructor; Rebecca J. McLean, Day-To-Day director; Irene Monroe, math instructor and Frances Salisbury, performing arts instructor.



The New York Times/John Sotomayor

**Career preparation:** Students during a class at the Multi-Ethnic Learning Center in the Mariners' Temple where the Rev. Suzan D. Johnson, right, is the pastor.

## Children Get Extra Help On the Lower East Side

By MARVINE HOWE

At the age of 11, Alsha Evans has learned that "even if you don't agree with everything people say, you can still try to understand them."

Chantese Mortimer, who is 11½, has discovered that "math isn't so boring after all."

Kenya Adams, 12, wants to learn more than she can in school and is interested in calligraphy and drama.

They all have chosen to spend Saturday mornings at the new Multi-Ethnic Learning Center in the Mariners' Temple at 3 Henry Street on the Lower East Side. Before the center opened this fall, most of the students said, they spent the time "sleeping late and watching television."

The center tries to help inner-city grade-school children cope with daily problems and prepare for productive careers. It offers courses in mathematics, ethnic studies, calligraphy and drama, and will soon offer vocational and career training.

### 'The World Is For You'

Sponsored by the Mariners' Temple Baptist Church, the center has received some financing from the Greater New York Fund/United Way and Con Edison.

"We tell young people the world is for you," said the Rev. Suzan D. Johnson, the pastor of the Mariners' Temple. "Then we help students make informed decisions about career oppor-

tunities and future goals."

Some of the children were so shy when they first came to the center they would not stand publicly before the group, Ms. Johnson said. In only a few weeks, she said, they learned how "to articulate their dreams."

On a recent Saturday, the children sat in a circle with one of their teachers, Pauline Phillips, and talked about their ambitions as another teacher, Christine Dudley, videotaped the session. One student wanted to become an actor, another a pediatrician, still another a civil rights lawyer.

### Reviving a Congregation

Ms. Johnson noted that the long-term goal of the program was "to try to prevent crises from happening instead of reacting to crises." Emphasizing the importance of motivating children to stay in school, she pointed out that New York State had one of the highest high school dropout rates and with it, a high risk of drug involvement, teen-age pregnancies and other problems.

Ms. Johnson was born and raised in the South Bronx, and she welcomes challenges. She has proven her mettle as the first black woman to lead an American Baptist congregation at the church, which was established for seafarers in 1795. When she began preaching at the Mariners' Temple three years ago, there were about 15 active members; today membership has



grown to more than 500.

At the end of September, she opened the Multi-Ethnic Learning Center for seventh, eighth and ninth graders. Initial enrollment consists of 10 black and three Hispanic students. No Asians are enrolled as yet, although the Mariners' Temple is on the edge of Chinatown.

"We've begun a dialogue but have a long way to go," she said in an interview, reviewing some of the problems of building a multi-ethnic center in an area "historically rooted in racial tensions." Other problems she mentioned are language barriers, cultural differences and financing.

She has approached community leaders, particularly Chinese organizations and schools. One group that has expressed interest in cooperation is the Chinatown Planning Council.

"There is definitely a need for this kind of center to help young people of different ethnic groups achieve better understanding," said the council's executive director, Charles Wong.

He said one problem was the image of the Mariners' Temple as "a church for blacks" and suggested it would be important to have a Chinese-speaker on the center's staff. He added that the fee — \$150 for the academic year — was also "a deterrent."

Ms. Johnson insisted that the church represented the multi-ethnic community and pointed out that there were Asian, Hispanic and white people on the board, as well as blacks. She emphasized that it would be their task to support the center and make recommendations for the staff.

She acknowledged that the tuition was prohibitive for many families "but necessary to get the program off the ground," and she said scholarships were available.

The minister's ambition is to turn the center into a broad, tuition-free youth program, with after-school counseling and courses, as well as Saturday classes.

"We aim to identify and train leaders from the Lower East Side to bring skills back into the community," Ms. Johnson said. "I hope some of the major corporations like I.B.M. will take a look at our project and consider contributing tools and equipment, which would mean so much to us and so little for them."

"But first we have to prove ourselves, establish a track record."

## Philadelphia Courts Are Cited

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20 (UPI) — A new report has determined that Philadelphia runs one of the nation's most expensive judicial systems, and the director of the group that conducted the study suggested the system was inefficient.

The Pennsylvania Economy League, a nonprofit group that conducted a two-year study of the courts, said each Philadelphia resident paid about 50 percent more for justice in 1982 than the national average for the 30 largest cities.

The study, which used statistics for the most recent years available, found the Philadelphia court system cost \$27 per person to operate in 1982, as against an average of \$18 per person for the other cities.

The private group stopped short of calling the system inefficient, urging

instead that the judicial system study its employment and spending "with an emphasis on efficiency for the purpose of reducing space requirements and operating expenditures."

But Dianne Reed, the director of the league, said the study clearly implied that the courts were "not producing efficiently or effectively."

The study said the city court operations cost \$45 million in 1982.

The report also found that Philadelphia's court system employs more people and more judges than most cities; about one person for every 1,000 residents and one judge for every 15,000 residents. The average for other large cities was one court employee for every 1,500 residents and one judge for every 19,000 people.

# Downtown Church Marks 192d Year

By ARI L. GOLDMAN

From the outside, Mariners' Temple in Lower Manhattan looks like a church ready for its last rites. Wide swaths of plaster have fallen away, revealing building stones that are more than a century old and sorely in need of repair.

But inside, Mariners' is alive and vibrant, with 500 active members, daily educational programs, a 70-member choir and all the handclap-

ping, swaying and singing that a congregation of the American Baptist Church can muster.

Yesterday the church, looking every bit its age, celebrated its 192d birthday. But the members did not lament their crumbling walls; nor did they announce a rebuilding plan. Instead their pastor gave thanks.

"We thank God for 192 years," said the pastor, the Rev. Suzan D. Johnson. "He has blessed us collectively, and He has blessed us individually."

The situation at the church might seem anomalous, but it is all part of a plan.

"We have decided on a three-tiered approach," said Ms. Johnson, the first woman to lead Mariners' Temple, which calls itself the oldest Baptist church in Manhattan. "First we want to build God's people, then we want to build God's community, and then we can worry about the physical facility."

Although there is a scaffold in front of the church at the corner of Henry and Oliver Streets, it was not put up for repairs, the pastor said, but to protect passers-by from falling debris.

The Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, the guest preacher, picked up the theme in his sermon. "I'm so glad you haven't spent all your money getting it painted and plastered," he said stepping from the pulpit and theatrically examining one of the interior columns that hold up the church.

He asked the congregation to open their Bibles and turn to Zechariah 4:6 and he read: "Not by might, not by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

### Praise for Holy Spirit

"What is the secret of the phenomenal growth of this church?" he asked. "The Holy Spirit."

Dr. Forbes, professor of homiletics at Union Theological Seminary, took the microphone from its stand and pointed it toward congregants one by one, asking, "What can the Holy Spirit do?"

"Heal your body," said one.

"Save your soul," said another.

"Turn you around," said yet another.

The sermon came at the end of a rousing two-hour service during which a song was offered for every religious rite. When a new member was immersed in the baptismal pool beneath the pulpit, the congregation sang, "He That Believeth Shall Have Everlasting Life."

During the collection for the church, all sang, "It's Amazing How the Lord Provides."

When youngsters approached the altar for the "children's worship" segment, the congregation sang, "Oh,



The New York Times/Ruby Washington

The Rev. Suzan D. Johnson, at left in aisle, the pastor of Mariners' Temple, greeting parishioners yesterday during a service marking the Baptist church's 192d anniversary.

How I Love Jesus." And before the sermon, the song was "All I Need is a Touch From Jesus."

As its name suggests, Mariners' Temple was built for the seamen whose ships once docked at the nearby East River piers. The church was organized in 1795, and the present building was built in 1844.

Over the years four Baptist groups were organized in the church, each reflecting a different population that lived in the neighborhood. There were the First Swedish, First Italian, First Russian and the First Chinese Baptist Churches.

Today the temple is in the heart of Chinatown. But a large black and Hispanic population still live in the area, according to Ms. Johnson.

When she became pastor almost four years ago, there were only 60 members. Fifteen people came to hear her first sermon.

With a small core of supporters, Ms. Johnson went door to door in the housing projects nearby to invite people to the church. "We asked people what we could do for them," she said.

She found a real need for after-school programs to provide remedial help and to teach such things as good study habits, etiquette and social skills — how to apply for a job, for example. The program now meets five afternoons a week and is largely staffed by volunteers, including elderly church members.

"It is an old African concept that the elders of the community teach youngsters how to come into manhood and womanhood with skills and confidence," the pastor said.

"That was an important step for the community," Ms. Johnson added. "Because when people feel good about themselves, the sky is the limit."

### LOTTERY NUMBERS

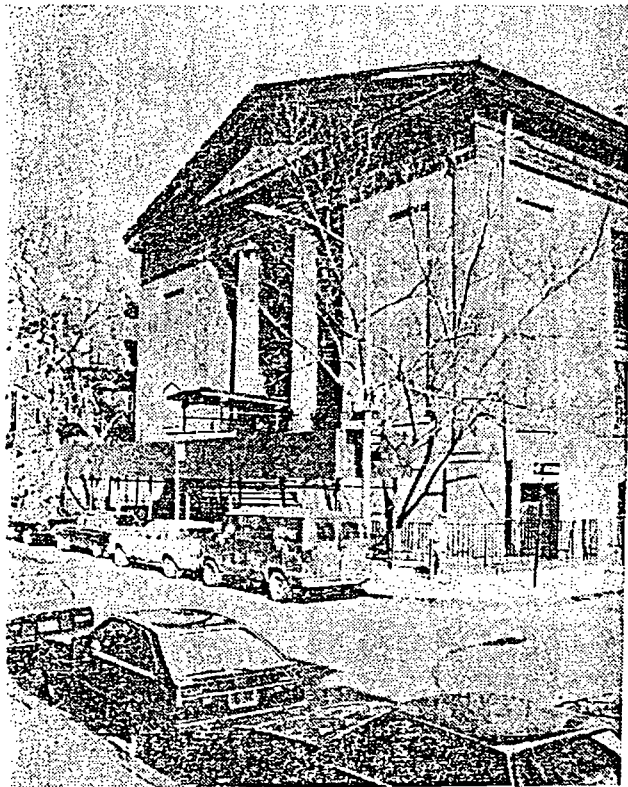
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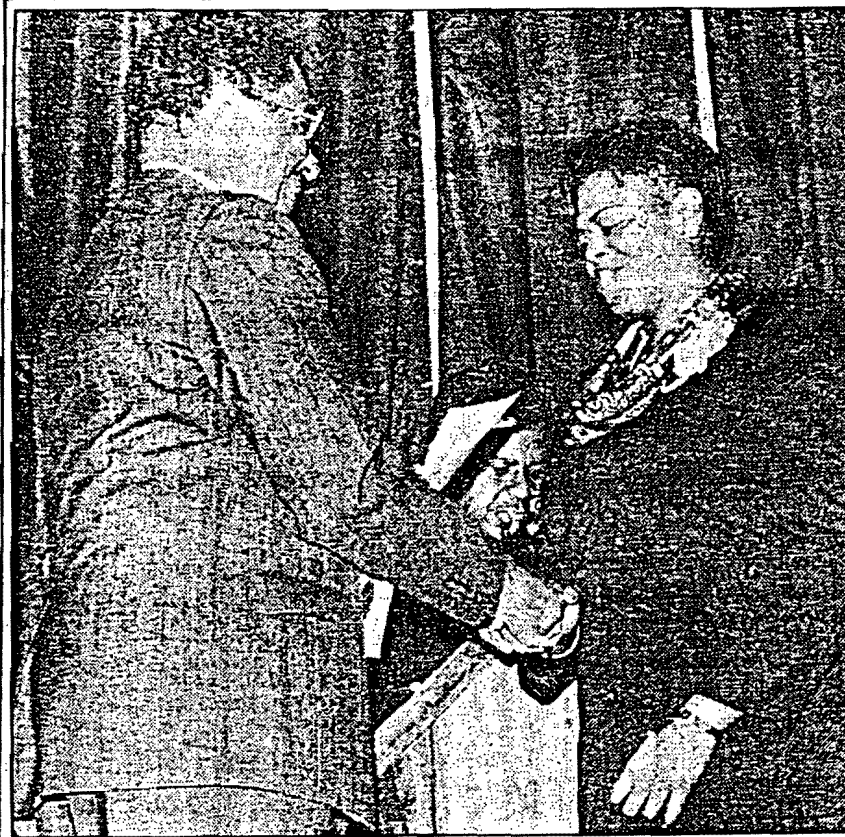
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NEW YORK POST, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1990



New York Post: Michael Schwartz

**GREAT SHAKES:** Police Commissioner Lee Brown congratulates the Rev. Dr. Suzan D. Johnson, (above) the department's first woman chaplain, at promotion ceremonies at Police Headquarters yesterday. Also celebrating (below) were sisters and fellow cops Kathleen (left) and Patricia Cowan after Kathleen was promoted to detective investigator.

25. On a separate sheet of paper write a memorandum, *of not more than 500 words*, for the President, making a specific policy proposal. Explain why you think it is important, what issues it raises, and why you think he should support it. If you exceed the word limit, your application will be disqualified.
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List full name of references:

1. Hon. Jose E. Serrano, Congressman, N.Y.
2. Hon. David N. Dinkins, Mayor, City of New York
3. Hon. Ruth Messinger, Manhattan Borough President
4. Mr. Howard Rubenstein, Howard J. Rubenstein & Associates Public Relations Firm
5. Dr. Lee P. Brown, Chair, Black Male Initiative Program, Texas Southern University

## CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that all of the statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I know and understand that any or all items contained herein may be subject to investigation or verification and I consent to the full release of all information concerning my capacity and fitness by employers, educational institutions (who are also authorized to release my academic records), law enforcement agencies, and other individuals and agencies, to duly accredited investigators of the Federal Government or to the Commission for that purpose.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

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(Sign in ink)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*12/1/92*



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Follows through on work . . . . .	X					
Eager to assume responsibility . . . . .	X					
Initiates innovative solutions . . . . .	X					
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Leadership						
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PROBABLY NOT

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Nature of business, occupation, profession

GOVERNMENT

How long have you known applicant? 10 years In what connection? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date

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RUTH W. MESSINGER  
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

November 23, 1992

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known the Rev. Suzan D. Johnson Cook for the past ten years. Prior to her assuming the leadership of the historic Mariners' Temple Baptist Church, we became acquainted as she was in seminary and served as media minister for the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York.

She was unusually gifted with organizational skills, and helped to organize and participate in several election and re-election efforts for local legislators.

In 1983, she began to hone these skills, and nurture and develop others, as she was elected to the interim leadership and later full-time pastorate of Mariners' Temple, where she helped a fledgling grassroots constituency blossom into a viable institution in the community.

Today, Mariners' Temple has more than 1,000 persons pass through its doors each week. Several innovative programs and projects have been successfully completed under her inspirational and exemplary leadership.

The Multi-Ethnic Center for children and their families, which she conceived and implemented is a recipient of several community grants and awards, a tribute to her exceptional talent in these recessionary times. She also successfully motivated and led the congregation into the purchase of two properties on the Lower Eastside of Manhattan this year.

She is certainly a leader who stands out in New York City. Her work with the NYC Police Department, the Hamilton-Madison and Grand Street Settlement Houses, and with building better race

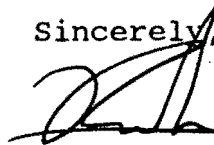
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relations are just some of the contributions she has made.

It would be exciting for her to have an opportunity to be exposed to new arenas. A White House Fellowship will allow her an opportunity to be surrounded with others of this nation's best and brightest, challenged and strengthened to bring renewed vigor and new insight back to New York. I am happy to commend her to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth W. Messinger', written over a horizontal line.

Ruth W. Messinger

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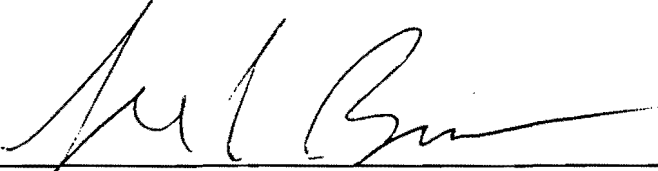
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LEE P. BROWN

November 23, 1992

President's Commission  
on White House Fellowships  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Rev. Dr. Suzan Johnson Cook's reputation far preceded our first meeting of three years ago. Highly regarded within the New York metropolitan area as an innovative and deeply committed person, Dr. Johnson Cook was often mentioned as an example of exemplary leadership. It was soon after our meeting as I served as police commissioner of the New York City Police Department that I would interview and appoint her as the first female chaplain. She was overwhelmingly welcomed, received, and frequently requested as counselor, advisor, confidante, and friend.

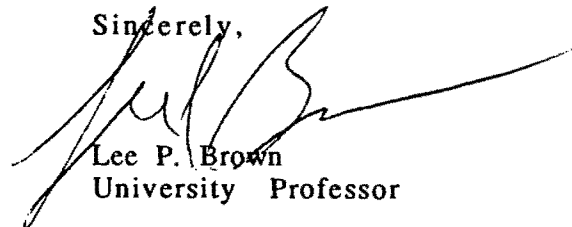
Constantly selected for public recognition and awards, Dr. Johnson Cook has maintained a great sense of humility and priority for the common good. Her commanding presence and eloquent speech demand both attention and action. She is the confidante of many key leaders in the city and nation, across sectors, from business to government to the community. She is also prolific in both her written publications and speaking engagements. Her knowledge and respect within the urban setting was not only a key factor in my hiring her, but also for her invitation to join the faculty and administration of the Harvard Divinity School as well.

Both positions, and her acceptance of them, were timely and important, for she has much to offer not only a congregation, but other arenas where her skills may be utilized.

I appreciate that both my ranking of description statements and my rating of the applicant border on the superlative. The response is sincere and by no means overstated. During her young career, Dr. Johnson Cook has clearly demonstrated exceptional leadership with a bright and stellar future.

I am confident that not only is she a convincing local leader, but would serve the nation well. I would hope that Dr. Susan Johnson Cook will be selected as a White House Fellow, to work with either the President, Vice President, or a member of the Cabinet. The experience would be mutually beneficial.

Sincerely,



Lee P. Brown  
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ASSOCIATE MEMBER, CONGRESSIONAL  
BLACK CAUCUS

The Rev. Dr. Suzan D. Johnson Cook first came to my attention in 1978 when she worked with the "Johnson in '78" campaign for my then colleague State Assemblyman Charles Johnson. She had just completed college and was an enthusiastic community activist.

Rev. Dr. Cook would later coordinate the public relations activities of the Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center where she coordinated its "New Directions" community revitalization effort. In that capacity, she organized many community leaders and established linkages with many government and public officials. While at Bronx Lebanon, she successfully coordinated the visit of Governor Hugh Carey to the South Bronx.

Since then, Suzan has gone on to establish herself as a leading member of the Bronx, and New York City as a whole. While still working at the Hospital, she entered the Union Theological Seminary, and upon completion became the first African-American woman in the history of the United States to pastor an American Baptist congregation. Although the church is in Manhattan, Suzan has maintained her residency in and commitment to the Bronx. The work she has done with the congregation of Mariners' Temple, and its surrounding community, has afforded her many tributes and recognitions. She continues to strive for excellence and has matured into a very capable community leader.



The opportunity to become a White House Fellow and to work with a Cabinet member at the federal Executive level would be an honor for both she and my community. As one who has made a difference, Suzan brings a clear voice and vision from the inner city. She is among the nation's best and brightest individuals. I am unaware of any weaknesses that she may possess. Through hard work, talent and sacrifice, she has secured many of the same opportunities which are available to our better advantaged citizens.

I have no hesitation in recommending highly, the Rev. Dr. Suzan Johnson Cook, to the White House Fellowship program.

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How long have you known applicant? 14 years In what connection? Constituent

Signature

Date

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Name of Applicant Suzan D. Johnson Cook

Name of Evaluator David N. Dinkins

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Inspires trust on part of associates . . . . .	X					
Decisiveness, energy, vigor, creativity						
Follows through on work . . . . .	X					
Eager to assume responsibility . . . . .	X					
Initiates innovative solutions . . . . .	X					
Fulfills commitments . . . . .	X					
Leadership						
Inspires confidence in others . . . . .	X					
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Convinces by sound reasons . . . . .	X					
Takes responsibility for decisions he/she makes . . . . .	X					
Gives subordinates full credit for what they do . . . . .	X					
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Name (please print)

David N. Dinkins

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Title

Phone No.

Mayor of the City of New York

Nature of business, occupation, profession

How long have you known applicant? 15 Years In what connection? As her Mayor and Borough President

Signature



December 4, 1992

Date



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

December 4th, 1992

President's Commission on  
White House Fellowships  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to commend the Reverend Dr. Suzan Johnson Cook to your favorable consideration for a White House Fellowship.

When I first met the Reverend Dr. Suzan Johnson Cook 15 years ago, she had just graduated from college -- at the age of 19. She returned home to New York in order to attend graduate school and to help elect her brother, Charles R. Johnson, to the New York State Assembly. I also assisted in this successful campaign and became acquainted with Suzan's exceptional skills and dynamic, compelling personality, which she would later put to use in support of my own campaigns for Manhattan Borough President and Mayor of the City of New York.

Over the years, I have seen Suzan develop into a capable and highly respected leader not only in the religious community, but in the public and private sectors as well. Under her leadership, the historic Mariner's Temple Baptist Church -- the oldest Baptist church in Manhattan -- has grown from a struggling parish of 15 members to a bustling spiritual center of more than 1,000. Each week, more than 500 men and women in business gather for reflection and inspiration at the Reverend Johnson Cook's "Lunch Hour of Power" services for the downtown community.

Suzan's exemplary leadership, care, and concern for the wellbeing of all New Yorkers have earned her the respect and admiration of her peers. Indeed, her effectiveness at building bridges between ethnic and religious groups led me to join Police Commissioner Lee Brown in appointing Suzan to be a Police Department Chaplain in 1990 -- the first female chaplain in the history of the department. Her work there has helped the morale of both officers and civilian employees.

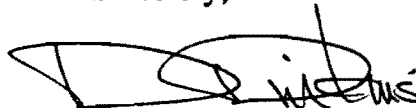
Her many successes have not gone without recognition. Harvard University awarded Suzan a President's Administrative Fellowship in 1989 and later offered her a permanent position. But her dedication to the City of New York and to her community led her back to this city, much to our benefit. She recently accepted my invitation to serve on the Federal Steering Committee for the "Negros Burial Ground," an important spiritual and archaeological site in lower Manhattan. Not only is her voice needed, but she will also benefit from this opportunity to broaden her horizons and maximize her skills.

If there is a limit to what Suzan Johnson Cook can achieve, I certainly have not seen it. She has demonstrated capability, competence, and determination in the face of any obstacle. I have no doubt that she could easily and successfully lead almost any major non-profit or community-based organization. I feel certain that in the long run, Suzan will attain high office, whether as a commissioner or cabinet member at the local, state, or national level.

I believe that a White House Fellowship will offer Dr. Johnson Cook an even greater opportunity to learn and to grow. At the same time, I believe she will also be a great benefit to the White House. She has an interest and investment in the political process, and has demonstrated that she knows how to work within that process constructively and successfully. If accepted, she would bring an experienced, urban, and urbane voice to the highest level of our government, which has lacked such voices for too long.

I commend her without reservation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dinkins", with a stylized flourish above the name.

David N. Dinkins  
MAYOR

Name of Applicant Suzan D. Johnson Cook Name of Evaluator Howard Rubenstein

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Nature of business, occupation, profession

PUBLIC RELATIONS

How long have you known applicant? 12 years In what connection?

Signature



Date

11/17/92

## HOWARD J. RUBENSTEIN ASSOCIATES, INC.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

November 17, 1992

President's Commission on White House  
Fellowships

To Whom It May Concern:

Reverend Suzan D. Johnson Cook's reputation preceded our meeting more than 15 years ago, as she served as public relations director for a community hospital in the South Bronx and later with the American Baptist Churches. A relationship was formed, which has remained constant and consistent throughout the years.

Suzan has grown and matured into a most capable and dynamic leader, not only in the New York metropolitan area, but nationwide having demonstrated a tremendous commitment and concern for the disadvantaged and for the urban community.

She is able to bridge religion, politics and community service in a disarming yet meaningful manner, and thus her contributions to the nation will be extraordinary. She has excellent organizational skills and is an effective communicator within groups and one-on-one encounters.

As a community organizer, Suzan has made significant contributions for the underclass, the undereducated, and the disenfranchised. Yet, she has many more accomplishments. She endeavors to volunteer much of her time to neighborhood children, affording them cultural and educational experiences not otherwise available to them; both through her visionary leadership with the Multi-Ethnic Center, the American Baptists, and also an executive for the New York 100 Black Women.

She has also exemplified talents in a range of areas from the performing arts, to speaking, to managing a congregation. However, she has also excelled in the academic arena, having served as an administrative fellow at the Harvard University Divinity School. There, she aided the Divinity School in designing a program to address the needs of urban ministries, confronting senior faculty with rigorous intellectual and innovative ideas on how to accomplish this task with effectiveness. She continues to serve there as a member of the faculty as a visiting professor in urban studies. Many civic and private organizations have recognized her efforts, constantly inviting her to serve in a leadership capacity.


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Suzan has not displayed any weaknesses noteworthy to mention. Because of her adaptiveness and high intellect, if a weakness were to occur, I am certain that she would overcome such a shortcoming.

Her decision to return to her community following the Harvard Program was to continue her work in behalf of the disadvantaged. The White House Fellowship Program will send back a person with a more broadened mind armed with an enhanced perspective on the social, political and economic complexities of the 1990's. Short term, Suzan is able to sense as a commissioner for a city agency, or to head any of the major metropolitan, non-profit organizations.

Long range, there is unlimited potential to be an outstanding national leader.

Sincerely,



Howard J. Rubenstein

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Susan D. Johnson Cook



MEMORANDUM

TO: President Clinton  
FROM: Susan D. Johnson Cook, White House Fellow '93-'94  
RE: Health Care Reform  
DATE: March 24, 1993

As a new mother of five-month old son, one of the firstborn after your election, and who will benefit from the process and initiatives introduced and implemented by your Administration, I am deeply concerned about health care in the United States.

Although I was fortunate to have three different health coverage benefits. I was deeply convicted by the presence of those mothers' and households who were lacking coverage, and who therefore received inferior treatment. Every American has the right to adequate health care. There are certainly several aspects you must consider, and I am pleased with the progress of the task force on health headed by Mrs. Clinton.

There is the concern of policy-makers who want competitive health care by providers, there are the concerns of providers who are frustrated by a system, and there are the average, voting citizen whose voice is often heard. Middle-class Americans feel greatly pressured, and more than 35 million Americans are under or uninsured. More than 60% of children under age two are not immunized against polio. The lack of security and stability is also troubling, several employers do not have adequate health care

plans for employers. Those who do choose to terminate benefits when employment ends. Those trying to cater or re-enter the job market face the threat of non-coverage of previously treated illnesses. One answer is National Health Care.

There are also questions which deserve answers. Who shall pay for this reform? Many are willing to pay modest tax increases for themselves but not generations following. What about alienage? Should the plan covers those not citizens? What about a acute care? who helps the disabled; will there be adequate services? What about balanced billing?

There should, in my estimation, be health care for every American, regardless of ability to pay, at birth, a card should be supplied just as a birth certificate which should be in effect for the life of a person.

Most affected by the lack of national plan are children. I recognize the need to trim the budget deficit, I only ask that monies not be taken away children.

In conjunction with immunization efforts, there must be education, particularly in inner-city communities infant mortality and teenager pregnancy are at alarming rates, I am in full support of your efforts to revitalize and expand upon the W/C and headstart programs, both of which have direct impact on health. A child cannot compete in school if s/he is not emotionally and physically healthy. The major development and foundation for warning access before age 5, the ages under which so many children are neglected. It also directly has impact on the number of youth having children. Without adequate education and access to birth control, there are

so many unwanted pregnancies, meaning on the very fabric of our society. Although costs may seem high long-term the dividends would urge you to consider a roundtable dialogue between: Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton; Surgeon General Jowlyn Elders; Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shaloh, CDF Executive M. Wright Edelman to present a plan of action for the new millennium concerning health care or health education, by December 1993. It is important now to have this topic discuss by Congress. It is important now to have this topic discussed by Congress . Thank you for your attention.

As a practitioner within inner-city America for the past decade, I welcome the opportunity to share the concerns of an urban constituency

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Schools Attended	Date Graduated	Degree Granted
Emerson College	1976	B.S.
Teachers College, Columbia U.	1978	B.A.
Union Theological Seminary	1983	M.Div.

Date Admitted 1988 Date Graduated 19 May 1990 Degree Granted Doctor of Ministry

The Doctor of Ministry degree is awarded on the basis of evidence that growth, competence and contribution in ministry are worthy of the degree and in accord with the goals and objectives of the program. It is not granted for the completion of any stated number of units of study. However, it is assumed that achievement of the requisite goals requires full engagement in the Doctor of Ministry program process. Involvement in the process is continuous from enrollment to degree conferral.

<u>Process Component</u>	<u>Number of Semester-Hour Credits</u>
Intensive Seminar I Analysis: Context and Participant	2
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Candidacy Review Evaluation	1
Completion of Phase III A Model of Ministry	3
Intensive Seminar IV Synthesis and Publication	2
Completion of Phase IV Including Final Document "Building Community with First Generation Christians in a Twentieth Century New York City Context"	6
Program Related Electives "The Relationship of the Black Church to Issues of Blackness in America" - Dr. Daryl Ward "The Mission of the Black Church for the Twenty-first Century" - Dr. Samuel D. Proctor	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>

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## **Summary of Doctor of Ministry Program**

**Suzan Denise Johnson**

### **Building Community with First Generation Christians In a Twentieth Century New York City Context**

**February 1990**

Suzan Denise Johnson is a Samuel D. Proctor Fellow. Her Doctor of Ministry final document examines and evaluates methodologies used for growth and revitalization of Mariners' Temple, the oldest Baptist Church in Manhattan. Study of the growth from 15 to 515 members assists discernment of future directions for the ministry of Mariners' Temple. The information is also valuable to other churches interested in building community with first generation Christians.

Suzan's final examination committee indicated that the document contributes a much-needed perspective on church renewal within the Black Church tradition. The committee encouraged her to pursue publishers for the manuscript.

Throughout the Doctor of Ministry Program Suzan demonstrated strong leadership skills, a collegial style of learning and an ability to effectively equip laity for ministry.

Suzan, as part of her total Doctor of Ministry Program, completed course work on: 1) The Relationship of The Black Church to Issues of Blackness in America and 2) The Mission of the Black Church for the 21st Century. Four sermon manuscripts related to her doctoral project reflected her ability to translate academic learnings into meaningful preaching for the Black Church as it shapes its mission for the 21st century.

**Samuel D. Proctor  
Mentor**

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