



**Rev. Jetson Ronzell Maness**  
**Presiding Elder of the Charleston-Columbia District**  
**Christian Methodist Episcopal Church**

**Rev. Jetson Ronzell Maness** is a native of Robbins, N.C. He is the ninth of ten children born to the late Lannie and Novella Shamberger Maness. Educated in the public school system of Robbins (Moore County) N.C., his love for learning gave him the desire to further his education. He received an Associate Applied Science degree in Architecture Technology from Sandhills Community College in Southern Pines, N.C. Still in quest for knowledge, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Paine College in Augusta, GA. His relentless intellectual zeal was fulfilled as he received a Masters of Divinity degree in Parish Ministry from Phillips School of Theology at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, GA. He continues to grow in Spirit and in Truth.

Rev. Maness was called into the ministry in 1977 at the age of 25. He was ordained by Bishop Nathaniel L. Linsey in 1979 in the Carolina Conference. Before his call, he served as a dedicated, committed, and active lay member at Russell Memorial CME Church in Durham, N.C. He served as chair of the trustee board, choir president, and a member of the Board of Christian Education. It was at Russell Memorial, under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Dr. Love Henry Whelchel, Jr., that he was licensed to preach by Presiding Elder W.E. Merriweather.

Pastoral appointments include: Trinity CME – Toccoa, GA; Shy Temple CME – Atlanta, GA; Holsey Temple CME – Macon, GA; Trinity CME – Augusta, GA; St. James CME, Warthen, GA; and St. Paul CME – Mitchell, GA. In 1999, Bishop Othal Hawthorne Lakey, appointed him as Presiding Elder of the Augusta – Sparta

District (formally Augusta-Thomson). He is the former Pastor of Vanderhorst Memorial CME Church, Charleston, SC.

As Presiding Elder, he provided spiritual and executive leadership to churches in Richmond, Columbia, Burke, Lincoln, McDuffie, Warren, and Hancock counties in the Georgia North Region of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. He is currently the Pastor of Mount Olive CME Church, Lexington, SC and the Presiding Elder of the Charleston/Columbia District, of the Carolina Regional, Annual Conference.

The honors, awards, and community involvement of Presiding Elder Maness are extensive and diverse. He previously served as treasurer and currently is the Vice President of the Presiding Elder's Council of the CME Church.

Past memberships include Concern Black Clergy Alliance of Atlanta, the United African Christian Methodist Ministerial Alliance of Augusta, the Advisory Board and Executive Committee of Capitol City Bank of Augusta, Augusta Chapter of the Paine College National Alumni Association, and Augustans Together Council for Racial Equality. He served as president and treasurer of the Evangelical Ministerial Alliance in Macon, GA.

Presiding Elder Maness is recognized as a social activist in successfully winning an environmental class action lawsuit against a major utility company while serving as pastor of Trinity CME Church in Augusta, GA. He was once named Pastor of the Year for the Sixth Episcopal District and received the NAACP's "100 Outstanding Young Men Award".

Presiding Elder Maness is married to the former Tanya Patrice Johnson of Winston-Salem, NC and they are the parents of two adult children, Paul and Amelia and grandparents to Amara and Jetson Lee.