

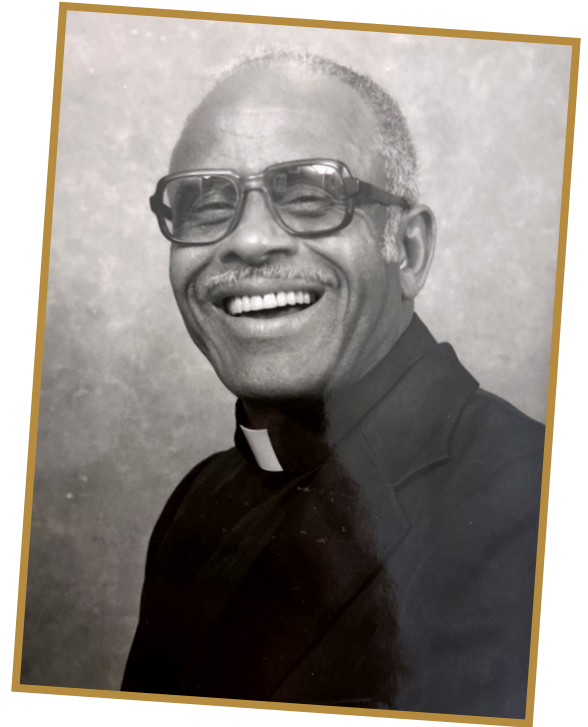
## Apostle Leroy H. Cannady's Life Journey

### GENESIS

Shortly after World War I, Leroy Henry Cannady, was born to Benjamin Howard and Crescie Ann Smith-Cannady on May 27, 1922. On May 13th at 10:36 p.m. the family witnessed the Spirit of God move into the room with us as the angel escorted God's faithful servant to his place of rest. Apostle Cannady was the eldest of five siblings: Arthur, Lincoln, Annie, and Ben-Clement all of which preceded him in death. The family lived on a large acreage of farmland about five miles from Franklinton, North Carolina.

### QUOTES FROM AUTOBIOGRAHY — A LEAP OF FAITH

*"The North Carolina countryside was a lovely place to grow up, for the air was filled with beautiful melodies of songbirds and the sweet aroma of wildflowers. One could hear the lowing of cattle, the cooing of morning doves, and the sounds of a variety of fowls and other animals....Life on the farm made me feel glad to be alive...we had plenty of open space, and almost everything a lad could wish for. There is a proverb that older people taught us early in life — 'Early to bed and early to rise, makes you healthy, wealthy, and wise'. I went to bed early, and got up early every day, in order to take care of the chores, since it was customary to give a child a job as soon as he or she was old enough to work, either in the field or in the house."*



Apostle Cannady became a member of the Manassas Chapel Baptist Church in Franklinton, North Carolina while still in grade school. At the age of ten years old (1932) he went to the Mourner's Bench and was converted. (The Mourner's Bench was a special seat in the front of the church that was set apart for mourners or sinners seeking salvation). He confessed that his life was profoundly changed by this experience because he was totally sincere in repentance. As he began working out his soul salvation when he turned twelve (12), he became the Sunday School Superintendent at Hawkins Chapel, very similar to Jesus when He went to be about His Father's business at that same age. However, in 1934, he heard the Gospel of Jesus being preached by the late Bishop Henry Chauncey Brooks and was baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ and received the gift of the Holy Ghost shortly thereafter. He graduated from G.C. Hawley High School in Creedmoor, North Carolina, April 1943.

### PROVERBS

*"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil."* (Proverbs 31:10-11) Apostle Cannady found that virtuous woman. He married Virginia Ree Parker on December 10, 1944. To this loving and committed union eight children were born: Delphine, Vivian, LeRoy, Jr., (who preceded him in death), Shirley, James, Gregory, Phyllis, and Michael. As a dutiful wife, Mother Cannady supported her husband in his pastoral capacity in nearly every position imaginable! She also remained his biggest supporter during his thirty (30) years tenure as Presiding Bishop of The Way of the Cross Church of Christ, International. She served as his traveling partner to countless out-of-town trips, and wherever his assignment led him. Her constant words of encouragement convinced him that he could do ANYTHING he set his



mind to do! The respect and love between Mother Cannady and Bishop remained planted in unity throughout life's struggles. They enjoyed and celebrated nearly sixty-four (64) years of marriage without ever having an argument. The Lord called Mother Cannady into eternal rest on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, surrounded by her family.

Apostle Cannady was faithful to the Ransom Way of the Cross Church of Christ under the pastorship of the late Bishop John Luke Brooks, in Franklinton, North Carolina from 1944-1956. He was ordained a Deacon in 1949. During a surprise announcement from his pastor, he was called upon to preach his first sermon during a Tuesday night service. His text was taken from Matthew 1:21, *"She shall bring forth a Son and thou shall call his name Jesus"*. He accepted the call to ministry in 1950. He continued to heed the voice of the Lord and became an ordained Elder in 1952.

### EXODUS

It is impossible for Apostle Cannady to be referred to as being slothful, lazy, or pessimistic. As a child, his parents instilled in him their work-ethics that always began before sunrise and continued until sunset! Being a part of the Cannady family, we learned, *"Your ice is just as cold as anyone else's ice"*; therefore, excuses were inexcusable. He worked diligently at various enterprises such as farming large acreage, cutting pulpwood, and managing his own trucking business which included hauling tobacco from North Carolina to Georgia, but nothing proved lucrative. He confessed that it was impossible to keep money in his possession because God had seemingly installed invisible holes in his pockets.

### QUOTES FROM AUTOBIOGRAPHY - A LEAP OF FAITH

*"One incident finally 'broke the camel's back'. As a rule, when my mother went shopping, I drove the car. One day, during the Christmas season of 1955, I took my mother to Henderson, North Carolina to do her shopping, and my wife went along as well. When we arrived in Henderson, I did not have enough money for the five-cent parking meter. While my mother and my wife were shopping, I sat in the car alone, praying and thinking things over. By this time, I felt God would not let me prosper until I did what He wanted me to do. I made up my mind that day not to resist God any longer. Just as an eagle stirs its nest, when we returned home, I told my wife what God had laid on my heart and that I had to leave the comforts of home. Like Peter, I had finally decided to take a gigantic step and A Leap of Faith!"*

### ACTS

Upon this epiphany, Apostle Cannady relocated to Baltimore, Maryland in early January 1956 (his wife and their five children remained with his wife's parents in Wilton, North Carolina). With the belief buried inside his heart that *"The Lord will make to make a way somehow"* he sought a better life for his family. He often spoke about an angel who stood by his bedside and sang this song to him. While living with his brother, Lincoln, he diligently combed the streets of Baltimore looking for employment. You may have heard him state, *"I wore out a brand-new pair of shoes looking for a job"*.

After becoming weary of roaming from church-to-church, he enthusiastically opened the doors to 1352 Calhoun Street in early 1957. Unfortunately, due to the lack of financial support, the doors of this mission were abruptly closed. Determined not to be defeated, he continued with his pursuit of a creditable job. Believing that a *"Quitter Never Wins and a Winner Never Quits"*, he continued looking for work until he was gainfully employed by the Bethlehem Steel Company. As God would have it, his wife and four (4) of their five (5) children were reunited as a family and relocated to Baltimore, Maryland with him. With a renewed vision and encouragement from his supportive wife, the inception of the Refuge Way of the Cross Church of Christ finally came to fruition.



## QUOTES FROM AUTOBIOGRAHY- A LEAP OF FAITH

*“On the second Sunday in June 1958, I took another Leap of Faith and the doors of the church at 1406 Laurens Street were opened officially. In prayer I asked God to send in some people to worship, not just to necessarily join the church, but for “company sake”. That Sunday, the Lord blessed us with thirteen (13) new members and enough to fill almost every seat. These included my wife, Virginia, four of my children, Ben and Rosa Cannady, Lincoln, his wife Meta Cannady, and four of their children. Lincoln read the scripture that day from the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians.*

*By 1961, our place of worship was too small to accommodate the congregation, a fact that the Lord showed me during a Communion Service. After passing the communion plate throughout the congregation, there remained only one piece of bread on the plate, and that piece was for me. We probably had seating space for seventy-five people when the Lord instructed me that it was time to move.*

*The asking price for the North Carey Street property was \$30,000; yet the Lord was in so many words saying, “Don’t worry about the price”. We invited Bishop H.C. Brooks to come to the Opening Service and he was amazed. He was the speaker for the occasion, and I can still remember his text, “If God is with him, leave him alone, or you will find yourself fighting against God”! From June 1962 until the end of 1969, we never missed a payment, and we were never late. What a record! God surely had to be in the plan. (This facility had a seating capacity of five hundred).*



*After our move to 1442 North Carey Street, the church grew so fast that after seven (7) years, we longed for a facility that would accommodate Sunday School classes, Prayer meetings and other church functions. Our entire church began to go before the Lord in daily prayer and fasting, asking for His guidance regarding the matter of finding a new church home. Seemingly, the answer came right out of heaven, for it was not very long before we received a letter from the City of Baltimore saying they needed our building for the construction of a public-school building. Much to our amazement, the City offered to pay \$30,000 for the property, the same amount we paid for it. On February 4, 1970 at 12:00 noon, our Leap of Faith caused Deacon Isaiah Barber, Minister Marion Holly, Jr., and I to sign the settlement paper for Old York Road. What a happy day for the Refuge Family!*

*We were blessed to move into our newly purchased sanctuary on Sunday, February 15, 1970. After moving in, we began to familiarize ourselves with the new church building and settled down to do the work of the Lord. We were in a new community, so we wanted to add new souls to the church. Year after year, Refuge continued to flourish in membership, ministry, and wholesome community involvements.*

*Back in 1958, when I had been walking the streets, I tried to borrow from people in Baltimore, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Raleigh, North Carolina. Nobody would lend me enough money to pay off my debts, so I looked up to heaven and made a promise to God Almighty. I told Him that if He would bless me naturally and spiritually, I would never fail Him and I would never forget how it feels to be down, and that I would always minister to those who need help. Since that time, the Lord has blessed me to give vast amounts of money to people who need help, both the saved and unsaved; and because the Lord blessed me during my years of struggle. I have not forgotten my vow to bless others.”*



## ROMANS

In 1968 Apostle Cannady began having the amazing opportunity to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ on air: WBMD, WANN, WSID, WBGR, and WGRO Radio Stations. These broadcasts continued for approximately 30 years, many thanks to Missionary Mary E. Rice and Judge Claudia Barber for assisting him for many of those years. The Refuge Way of the Cross Church of Christ was the “place to be” during the 70’s, 80’s, and 90’s. With all the strict foundational teachings we were taught, if any young person was seen doing (or saying) things that were questionable, we were quickly reprimanded. Bishop would caution us and proudly say, “*These people knows me*”. That meant, “*I need you to act right*”! Good music ran throughout the fabric of the Refuge ministry and during many weekends, churches in the surrounding areas would join us in high praises! These “Saturday Joy Night Services” extended often past midnight, and the Spirit of the Lord saturated our hungry souls! Dismissals were offered to a group of sweaty, tired, but energized young people as we heard the words “Peace Be Multiplied”.



Apostle Cannady was consecrated to the office of a Bishop in The Way of the Cross Church of Christ, International (1970), served as Diocesan Bishop for South Carolina, Georgia and Texas (1970-1979), Vice Presiding Bishop (1982-1985), and gallantly held the office of Presiding Bishop (1985-2015). During his thirty (30) year tenure as Presiding Prelate, he was instrumental in writing and publishing The Way of the Cross Church of Christ Disciple Manual.

Approximately 106 churches (which includes foreign missions in Africa, India and Haiti) were added to the organization under his leadership. In the year 2015 Apostle Cannady yielded the Presiding Prelate Position to Bishop Alphonzo D Brooks. Immediately upon taking office, it was Bishop Brooks’ heart’s desire to see Bishop Cannady become elevated to the Office of Apostle. On August 5, 2016 while attending the 72nd Holy Convocation of The Way of the Cross Church of Christ, International in Columbia, South Carolina, he was consecrated to this Office as an Apostle by Apostle Floyd E. Nelson and Apostle Franklin Cornelius Showell.



## FIRST JOHN

“*And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit*” (1 John 5:18). Filled with a heart capable to love again, Apostle Cannady married Evangelist Florence Reed on July 17, 2019. As his help meet, she inspired him to continue to preach the unadulterated Word of God and accompanied him on his preaching engagements. She believed and proclaimed that “*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty*”! As the result of a



brief illness, she transitioned on January 29, 2020. Her children are Shontell Reed-Hatcher and Chautee' Reed.

### **SECOND TIMOTHY**

After being the Founder and Pastor of the Refuge Way of the Cross Church of Christ for nearly sixty-four (64) years, Apostle Leroy H. Cannady relinquished his duty as Pastor over to Bishop Troy A. Barnett on July 16, 2016. The Presiding Bishop of The Way of the Cross Church of Christ, International, Bishop Alphonzo D. Brooks, delivered the Pastoral Installation Message at this historical event. Remaining in the gracious act of humility, Apostle Cannady dutifully honored Bishop Barnett as leader and Pastor of the Refuge Way of the Cross Church of Christ, Incorporated. Although other locations were sought out for the expansion of Refuge, the Lord commissioned Apostle Cannady to remain in the community and add onto the existing building at the current location. Bishop Barnett has been pastoring for seven (7) years and he has consistently honored the commission God gave Apostle Cannady years ago.

Many souls have come through the red doors of Refuge (the ark of safety) to be baptized and to be saved. Without the capable help of Mother Shirley A. Johnson, our "Church Historian" we would not be able to note that Refuge exceeded 2,492 souls since its inception. Mother Johnson has been a faithful member for 64 years and she continues to perform exceptional secretarial duties to this very day.

Apostle Leroy Cannady's preaching has led many souls to the gospel of Jesus Christ through the Apostle's Doctrine. He produced many sons and daughters in the gospel, however there are simply too many to numerate. Some of his spiritual children of are: Scripturally Sound Holiness Church (Elder Walter Whitaker); The Church of the Redeemed of the Lord (Dr. Jerome Stokes); Calvary Temple (Bishop Thomas Outlen); Burning Light Way of the Cross Church of Christ (the late Elder Leroy Cannon); Didasko Ministry (Bishop Barry McDonald); Zion Way of the Cross Church of Christ (Bishop Larry R Whitfield, Sr.), and The Carpenter's House Baltimore, Inc. (Bishop Melvin M. Easley, Jr.).

Apostle Cannady was instrumental in establishing two churches in Salisbury, Maryland pastored by the late Elder Harry Jones and the late Bishop James Shaw. He was also instrumental in helping to establish two churches in Charlotte, North Carolina which are: Cornerstone Way of the Cross Church of Christ (District Elder Moses McKeever) and Shiloh Temple (Bishop Darrell J. Hairston). Apostle Cannady assisted in obtaining the building for New Ransom Temple in Greensboro, North Carolina (Bishop Wilbert Williams) as well as a mission in New Bern, North Carolina. (If we have omitted any churches or pastors, please accept our apology).





## HEBREWS

*"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth"*. (III John 1:4). Apostle Cannady is survived by his family who will honorably continue his legacy: To the union of Apostle and Mother Cannady, eight children were born: Mother Delphine C. Easley (Baltimore, MD); Sister Vivian C. Person (Deacon John Person of Baltimore, MD & NC); First Lady Shirley J. Whitfield (Bishop Larry R. Whitfield of Bear, DE) Brother James W. Cannady (Sister Deborah of Richmond, VA); Trustee Gregory A. Cannady (Missionary Juanita of Baltimore, MD); Sister Phyllis R. Cannady (Baltimore, MD), and Trustee Michael A. Cannady (Sister Darlene of Baltimore, MD); twenty-three (23) grandchildren, forty-two (42) great grandchildren, and sixteen (16) great-great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and relatives. His godchildren included: Milton Johnson Jr., Tamara Hundley, Meghan Holly, Stephen Brown and First Lady Julia Jones.

Apostle Cannady loved the saints. Each person was called "daughter" or "son"; thus, this list doesn't stop here as there are a plethora of saints he always received as his sons and daughters in Christ for, he was loved by so many.

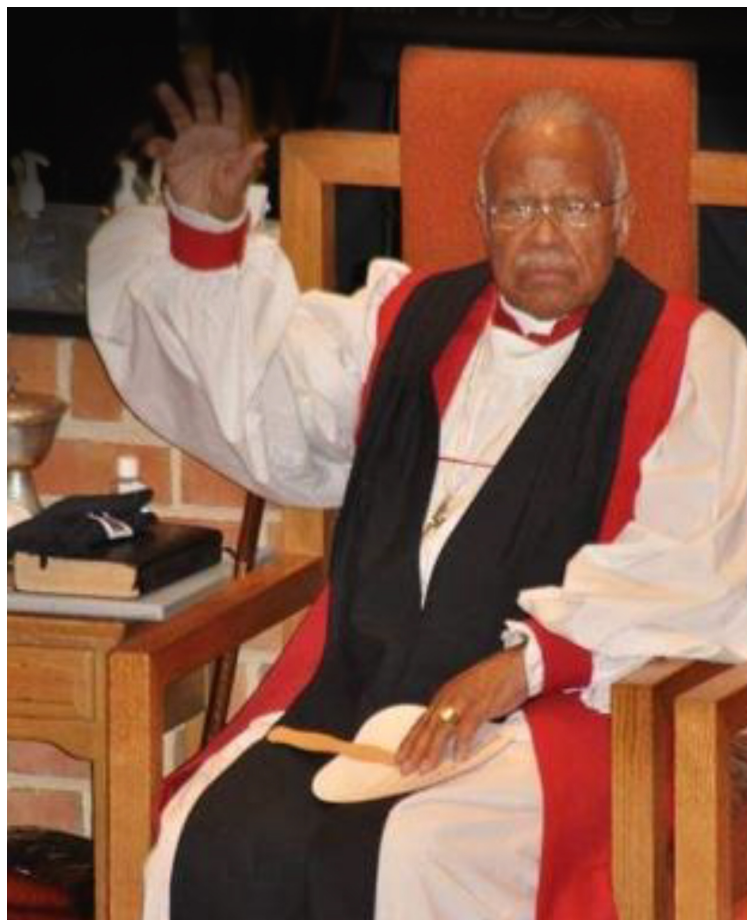
## REVELATION

*"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord henceforth; Yea, said the Spirit, that they may rest from their labor; and their works do follow them"*. (Revelation 14:13). Apostle Cannady was a precious gift that God shared with his family and the world for years. We are indebted to carry on his amazing legacy with the examples he has taught us. Until we meet again...

*Life is but a stopping place  
A pause in what's to be.  
A resting place along the road  
To sweet eternity.  
We all have different journeys  
Different paths along the way.  
We were all meant to learn some things,  
But never meant to stay.*

*Our destination is a place.  
Far greater than we know.  
For some the journey's quick  
For some the journey's slow.  
And when the journey finally ends,  
We will claim a great reward.  
And find an everlasting peace.  
Together with the Lord.*

(Author unknown)





**The Way of the Cross Church of Christ, International**  
**National Celebration Service**

**In honor of Apostle Leroy H. Cannady, Sr.**  
**Presiding Bishop Emeritus**  
**Pastor and Founder, Refuge Way of the Cross Church of Christ**

*Officiating: Bishop Troy Barnett, Assistant General Secretary/Pastor, Refuge WOTCC*

**The Processional:**

Presiding Bishop  
Vice Presiding Bishops  
Executive Board  
General Board of Bishops  
Pastoral Council  
Visiting Clergy  
Cannady Family

**Sealing of the Bier** – Bishop Melvin Easley, Jr., Adjutant General, WOTCC, International

**Placing of the Pall** — National Adjutancy

**Hymn of Assurance** “*The Water Way*” — Bishop Darnell Easton, 2nd Vice Presiding Bishop

**Invocation** – Bishop Roosevelt Fulton, 1st Vice Presiding Bishop

**Reading of the Word of God:**

Old Testament “*Isaiah 62:1-3*” — Elder Dominique Wilkes, Refuge WOTCC

New Testament “*I Corinthians 15:51-58*”—Minister Sean Miller, Refuge WOTCC

**Musical Selection** “*We Shall Behold Him*”: Evangelist Aneisa Simon, Consolation Evangelistic Ministries,  
accompanied by Sister Ra’Chael Brown (Goddaughter)

**Ecumenical Reflections: Bishop Tributes**

**Bishop Fredrick Williams**

*Bethany Refuge Empowerment Ministries, Birmingham, Alabama*

**Bishop Carl A. Turner**

*Greater Pennsylvania Council  
Convention Manager and Chief of Protocol, Newark, Delaware*

**Bishop Ronald Demery, Jr.**

*Christ Way Cathedral, Upper Marlboro, MD*

**Bishop David Myrick, Sr.**

*Holy Temple Church of Christ, Washington, DC*

**Bishop Charles Johnson**

*Greater Morning Star Apostolic Ministries, Largo, MD*

**Bishop William Thomas**

*St. Matthews Gospel Tabernacle, Baltimore, MD  
The Ministerial Alliance and True Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ*

**Bishop Jerome Stokes**

*Church of the Redeemed of the Lord, Baltimore, Maryland*

**Musical Selection** — WOTCC National Choir





### **Ecumenical Reflections: Apostle Tributes**

***Apostle Cornelius Showell***

*First Apostolic Faith Church  
Bible Way International, Baltimore, MD*

***Apostle Benjamin Peterson***

*Vice Presiding Bishop  
Bible Way Worldwide, Philadelphia, PA*

***Apostle Willard Saunders, Jr.***

*New Destiny Fellowship International  
Baltimore, Maryland*

***Archbishop Ralph L. Dennis***

*Presiding Prelate and Founder  
Kingdom Fellowship Covenant Ministries  
Baltimore, Maryland*

**Musical Selection – WOTCC National Choir**

### **National Auxiliary Reflections**

International Youth for Christ — Minister Antoine Lancaster

Women's Ministry — Missionary Beatrice Richardson

Men's Ministry — Bishop Henry Chauncey Lancaster

Missionaries — Missionary Maggie Fulton

Deacons — Deacon Floyd Mason

**Acknowledgments/National Papers** — Bishop Bennett B. Gamble, Sr., General Secretary

**Presentation of Special Proclamation** — Delegate Jeffrie E. Long, Jr., MD State Delegate District 27B

**Musical Selection** — WOTCC National Choir

**National Reflections - Pastoral Council Chairman:** Bishop Eric Cannady

General Board of Bishops Chairman: Bishop Melvin Easley, Jr.

Chairman of Trustee & Son of Apostle: Bishop Larry Whitfield, Jr.

**Family Tributes** — The Cannady Family — Mother Delphine Easley, Matriarch of the Family

### **National Reflections- Executive Board of Bishops**

*Bishop Eugene McCrea*

*Bishop Hurren Freeman*

*Bishop Terry Hicks*

*Bishop Willie James Davis*

*Bishop Darnell Easton*

*Bishop Roosevelt Fulton*

**Musical Selection** — WOTCC National Choir

**Family Tributes** — The Cannady Family

**Sermonic Selection** “Run Til I Finish”: Michael Cannady

**Eulogy:** Bishop Alphonzo D. Brooks, Presiding Bishop Emeritus

### **The Preached Word**

**The Committal:** Bishop Darnell Easton, 2nd Vice Presiding Bishop

**Benediction**

**Recessional**



CERTIFICATE OF

# Apostolic Fatherhood

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SPIRITUAL PATERNAL AUTHORITY

*To all and singular to whom these presents may come, Greetings*

*We, the Apostolics United Conference, do hereby acknowledge and affirm, in accordance with The Holy Writ, that the celebrant to whom this certificate is bestowed is a father of the Gospel with sons through Christ (1 Corinthians 4:14-17) that ascribes and adheres to the doctrine of the apostles through fear, faith and fellowship (Acts 2:42-45) and is an anointed ambassador for Christ (Matthew 28:18-20) that begets and brings forth sons and daughters.*

*To the Most Reverend **Apostle Leroy H. Cannady**,*

*presiding prelate of **The Way of the Cross Church of Christ, International**; emeritus,  
and Senior Pastor of **Refuge Way of the Cross Church, Incorporated** and a contender for the  
faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people.*

*We acknowledge that for many years you have been steadfast and consistent in making and strengthening disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith, reminding them, as the early Apostles did, that we must through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God (Acts 14:22).*

*We declare that the Lord shall continue to add to the church because of your biblical teaching, favor with all people and faithful example of reverent obedience to God our Father. This authority is pronounced before a multitude of witnesses on the **twenty second** day of **September** in the year of our Lord **two thousand sixteen**, in our Nation's Capitol in the District of Columbia.*

*It is attested heretofore with the set hand and seal of:*

BISHOP W. MICHAEL FIELDS  
GREATER REFUGE TEMPLE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.  
APOSTOLICS' UNITED CONFERENCE



# The Way of the Cross Church of Christ International

## Certificate of Apostolic Affirmation

To the Office of

# Apostle

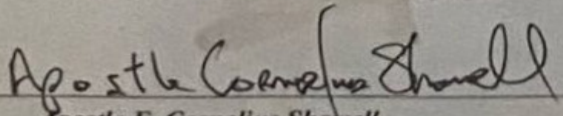
**Know all men by these present that** we the undersigned, under the protection of Almighty God, and with an eye single to His glory; do hereby certify that an Apostolic Council was convened to affirm that the spiritual endowment of the Apostleship has been bestowed upon:

## Leroy Henry Cannady, Sr.

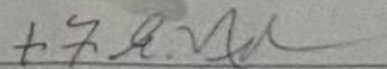
**Be it known that** this Bishop in the Lord's Church, according to the Holy Scriptures and the bylaws of **The Way of the Cross Church of Christ International, Inc.** Has been found possessing grace-gifts qualifying him to be an Apostolic Father. Moreover, we publicly declare and affirm that as a Bishop in the Lord's Church, he has demonstrated that he is an Apostle. His service, commitment and dedication are indicative of a Chief Servant. We hereby commend this Apostle to all whom it may concern; to be received with honor as one appointed to have spiritual care of the Laity, Bishops, Pastors, Ministry Leaders, and to function in the office of The Apostle in this Zion and the Body of Christ.

**In witness thereof,** we have hereunto set our hand and seal on this fifth day of August, the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, Anno Domini in the

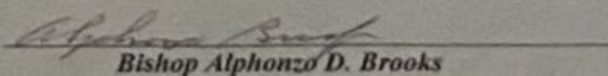
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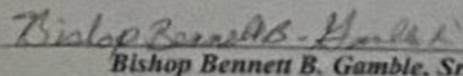
Apostle F. Cornelius Showell  
Chief Consecrator, International Bible Way Church



Chief Apostle Floyd E. Nelson, Sr.  
Presiding Bishop, International Bible Way Church



Bishop Alphonzo D. Brooks  
Presiding Bishop, Way of the Cross Church of Christ



Bishop Bennett B. Gamble, Sr.  
General Secretary, Way of the Cross Church of Christ

Daddy, all that the Lord has blessed me and the Easley Family to become is because of your tutelage and living example. You were (and will always be) our living Epistle. With the help of God, I will continue to uphold your rich legacy, just like you taught me to do.  
DELPHINE (DAUGHTER)

I have lost my shining star. Sleep well, Dad.  
VIVIAN (DAUGHTER)

Daddy, thank you for being a loving father to us both. Your love and leadership has been instrumental in our marriage, family and ministry. Rest in knowing your legacy will always live within us. LARRY AND SHIRLEY (SON AND DAUGHTER)

Hello Daddy. I just want to say "See you later"! Thank you for being a perfect example of excellence! Even down to your work ethnics. I'm so grateful that the world got to see you as Bishop/Apostle. But for me, you're DADDY, my Hero!  
MICHAEL (SON)

To my Daddy. I will always love you and I miss you so very much.  
PHYLLIS (DAUGHTER)

Bishop, throughout my entire life you have fulfilled the role of father, mentor, pastor, and confidante. I will continue to do what you taught me to do. Thank you for your tough love. MELVIN (GRANDSON)

I met you and Mother Cannady at the age of 8 years old in 1946 and you have been a true and dear friend to me. It was a pleasure taking care of you, as well as Mother Cannady. Sleep on my friend and take your rest. JOHN (CARETAKER)

Thanks, Dad, for your many words of wisdom. I recall even as a young man hearing you say (1) Don't do or try. Do or die. (2) The greatest thing you can ever do is to help somebody. (3) Have a good day (meaning a good one). Rest well, Dad, 'til we meet again. Love you, JAMES (SON)

Thanks for being a man of God who showed love to everyone you met. Thank you for listening during the times I needed someone to talk to. Thank you for the wisdom you have given me. You will truly be missed.  
DARLENE (DAUGHTER)

Thank you Granddad for the love that always shown through. You were a giant on this earth, unmovable in your strength, faithfulness and wisdom. I am forever grateful for the many ways you touched my life. I thank God for your well rewarded rest. You will always hold a special place in my heart. Love you always.  
DORNEE (GRANDDAUGHTER)

Family  
Tributes

Granddad/Daddy. Your life spoke volumes each and every day. You used your actions to show us the right way. You made each moment count no matter what or where, inspiring others to work hard, to have integrity to care. Words can't express how much we miss life without you but we thank you for the gift of inspiration from life so true. ERICKA (GRANDDAUGHTER)

Granddad, thank you for all you have done. It was an honor to serve you and be in your presence. We will always hold a special chair at the dinner table with your name on it. We will miss your expressions, "Mighty fine and thank you". Love, Larry (Little Larry and family.) (GRANDSON). Especially from your favorite selfie partner. AMIYA (GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER)

Granddad, you told me "Tony your family is praying for you. Never give up. Thank you for your love and your support to me. Will always hold you dear to my heart. Love, TONY (GRANDSON)

Granddad, I am forever grateful for the words that you spoke over my family. Thank you for teaching us "HOLINESS IS STILL RIGHT" and showing us that living Godly is possible. You are forever in my heart. KRISTIN (GRANDDAUGHTER)

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memories become treasure. Granddad I will treasure you always. DERRICK (GRANDSON)

Bishop-Granddad, it is me Mo. Your powerful voice I will miss. Your smile after hearing me sing I will no longer see. The touch of your hand I can no longer feel. But I am okay. I have accepted God's divine will. Your prayers brought me where I am today. Your stance for holiness, forgiveness and love will continue with me. There are many still needing salvation. You taught me well and I will continue to make you smile. Having you in my home, praying and reaping benefits of all the good you sowed in my home to my children and I was one of my greatest joy. Watch over me sweet Granddad. You have the victory! MONAYE (GRANDDAUGHTER)

Granddaddy, thank you. Thank you for your teaching when you didn't even know you were teaching us. We count ourselves blessed to have had you all of these years. Favor isn't fair! We love you. DARNELL, MIKIEA, & AMIRA (GRANDDAUGHTER AND GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER)

To our family, tree you were the root. You stood the test of time and stayed humble. Now it's time for us to reflect on and walk the journey that God has given us. You were a great example of how to dedicate our lives to God. Apart from Jesus you were my number one superhero. Reset in the Lord Granddad. SONIA (GRANDDAUGHTER)

Granddad, I am who I am today because you were the example I used to pattern my life after. You taught me the importance of serving and Loving the Word. Thank you for all you put in me and I promise to continue to serve the people of God and Preach the Gospel. EZRA, SR. (GRANDSON)

You are the best granddad in the whole wide world. I will miss you forever more and I will love you for eternity. God did it. He answered our prayers just like He said He would. TRIMIEA (GRANDDAUGHTER).

Grandchildren

Granddad: As a little girl I saw you as this “larger than life” man. I knew you were important, special and loved by many, but it wasn’t until I was much older that I truly began to understand the man of God you were. Thank you for showing us the straight and narrow way. I did not always understand but I now realize it’s the only way. Rest in His arms, Granddaddy. The first to make you great! ASHLEE (GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER)

What is the secret to this light you see? My grandfather often said that the light is within you – only if, you let Jesus reside down on the inside. Today my heart is overjoyed because he allowed his light to shine – so that I may come to realize the truth for myself. Simply put, it is a gift that will last a lifetime. Granddad, as we bid adieu, I sing “Hallelujah”: for you have found the one whom your soul loveth. SHAMAR (GREAT GRANDSON)

Iconic doesn’t begin to describe how great of a man you were. Legend does not begin to describe the legacy that you created. Your works were so great. Your smile infectious. The wisdom in which you chose to share, will forever be remembered: forever passed down generation to generation. Thank you I love you. ALEXIS (GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER)

Dear Granddaddy, Thank you for christening me as a baby and praying for me over my 8 years. I love you and may heaven smile upon you. ZOEY (GREAT-GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER)

Granddad, finding the words to express my gratitude for all the wisdom you provided throughout the years is a struggle. Thank you for the many life lessons, the spiritual guidance, and the love you showed. I will forever remember your spirit, your dance and your love of praising God. I pray that that same spirit will live on in me. I love you forever and always. ARYN (GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER)

What is a true superhero? Let’s see. Do they have to wear a cape? No. Do they have to fly? No. Oh ... they have to have a sidekick. No. Okay, then what is a true superhero? They have to be true! Oh yeah .... And they have to be great just like my great-great granddad. HOLLIE, AUTYMN & JORDYN (GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN)

Dear Granddad, thank you for the best example of a Godly man ever! You have been consistent and unwavering! Time does not permit me to write everything you have meant to me, but in simple form, you are my Superhero. I will cherish the last wisdom you gave to me and I promise I will remember to always preach THE GOSPEL and that alone. Monaye’ Smalls (GREAT GRANDSON)

Granddad, you have always had a special place in my heart and forever there it will remain. AYANNA (GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER)

Granddad, I want to thank you for praying for me when I needed it and I enjoyed the talks we had on our birthdays. I will miss them. I love you. TAYLOR (GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER)

Hey Granddaddy. It’s your first Great-Great Granddaughter. First, I want to say “I love you” and I thank you for all the knowledge, and wisdom you’ve given us. Throughout my 13 years, you have always been a phone call away. Even if I didn’t always call, you were there. SANNA (GREAT-GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER)

It is more than an honor to be in the bloodline of such a great man of God. I will cherish his lessons, smiles, and sayings all of my life. EZRA (GREAT GRANDSON)

This is me granddad (your favorite). I love you more than 1,000 wishes but since you are not here, I will still have you in my heart. I know that you are with God and you are so lucky to be with my God. You have a very blessed family. I love you. LYRIC (GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER)

## Great Grandchildren & Great-Great Grandchildren

“Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye”. (Colossians 3:13)

### **PALLBEARERS**

(Grandsons and Great-Grandsons of Apostle Leroy H. Cannady)

Larry R. Whitfield, Jr.	Lamont Thompson
Anthony D. Whitfield, Sr.	Jose Robinson
Melvin M. Easley, III	Montez Grant
Nicholas Cannady	Samuel Smalls

### **FLOWERBEARERS**

(Granddaughters and Great-Granddaughters of Apostle Leroy H. Cannady)

***“O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: For his mercy endureth forever”.***

*(Psalm 107:1)*

### **WITH LOVE AND APPRECIATION**

The Cannady Family would like to thank each of you for your love, support and attendance to Apostle Cannady's Celebration of Life Service today. We truly feel your love!

Special thanks to The Way of the Cross Church of Christ, International (The Mother Church) which our father dearly loved and served wholeheartedly.

Special thanks to the Refuge Way of the Cross Church of Christ, Inc. where he pastored and served with all his might, soul, and strength. He was fully committed to preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and loved each and every soul that God placed in his care.

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You will receive a great reward.

Special thanks to the Gilchrist Hospice Center for making Apostle Cannady comfortable during his final hours.

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