



# Urban Hope Refuge COOLJC

Elder Ashley J Johnson, BRS

Youth Minister  
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Motivational Speaker  
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# Elder Ashley J. Johnson



Elder Ashley J. Johnson is a native of New York City. He was born on June 1984 during the blooming years of his parents, Drs. William and Celeste Ashe Johnson. At the time he was born, he was considered *the "interdenominational baby"*. He was born during the time his mother was New York State President of the Interdenominational Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows (Interdenominational). While she presided over meetings of the minister's wives and minister's widows, the babysitters rotated, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Pentecostals, Lutherans, African Methodists and on and on.

Elder Ashley Johnson received his early education in the New York private Christian schools until he moved to Connecticut and continued at Corpus Christi Christian School until he entered Junior High School in Wethersfield, CT. He also distinguished himself as a valued player with the Rocky Hill Baseball Team and first seat trombone with the jazz band. He is now an accomplished pianist.

It was Elder Johnson's desire to receive the Holy Spirit before he became a teenager, and as faithful as God is, He did it for AJ. In gratitude for this wonderful Gift from God, Then Minister Johnson served as vice-president of the Youth Department in his home church in Hartford, CT, pastored by his father, Dr. William M. Johnson, Jr.; he also served as Minister of Music until his relocation to pursue his college degree. He completed the International Chastity Program at age 14 and became one of the active recruiters of other youth into the program.

Elder Johnson graduated from Howell Cheney Technical School in Manchester, CT with a major in Microcomputers. He was Vice-President of the 2002 graduating class. In the spring of 2002 he received certification with the Youth Employability Skills Academy, Capital Region Workforce Development Board in Hartford. His summers during high school were spent working with the summer day camp at his local church and employment with the Rawson Elementary after School Program.

Elder Johnson graduated from W. L. Bonner College in Columbia, South Carolina where he earned a Bachelor of Religious Studies degree with a major in Youth Ministry. He was appointed Youth Pastor of the Greater Refuge Temple Church and the director of the Refuge Temple Family Life Center in 2003 by Bishop W. L. Bonner. As Youth Minister, he served a 2000 member congregation under the tutelage of the Chief Presiding Bishop of a 500 member church organization. He grew in the knowledge of the Scriptures, church administration and soul winning strategies.

This experience coupled with the influence and impact of his father, Dr. William Johnson, Jr. gave him a love for the people in community and for community development. His father, a preacher, a community developer and world renounced personality, serving as Ambassador of Earth, helped to shape Elder Johnson into a well balanced person to serve God first, country and humanity.

He is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. Elder Johnson is the youngest son of his family with an older brother Mylious who is an accomplished musician and military reservist.

His greatest aim is to be used of God and to give Him all of the Glory. He follows in his father's footsteps as a *"Minister of the Gospel."* *This has always been the vision of his heart.* He successfully completed the catechism and was ordained a minister of the Gospel in Atlanta, Georgia in July 2008.

GENERAL BOOKING INFORMATION FOR ELDER JOHNSON



Thank you for your interest in the ministry of Elder Ashley Johnson, please find following the information you requested.

Please submit a letter of invite via email or postage mail. In return, a letter of confirmation will be issued. All Airline tickets or travel expenses must be confirmed and approved by Urban Hope Refuge, twenty- one (21) days prior to event.

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