



**DR. KEITH TROY**  
**Pastor**  
**New Salem Missionary Baptist Church**

The ability to wrap the traditional virtues of our forefathers' religion within the framework of modern-day relevancy is a hallmark of great religious leaders. A learned scholar, Dr. Keith Troy was blessed with such a gift and has become widely regarded as a "master teacher" with a Shepherd's heart.

Born in Toledo, Ohio he is the second of five sons from the lineage of Rev. and Mrs. Leon Troy, Sr. As a youth his education was spent in the public school system of Warren, Ohio where his academic, athletic, and leadership skills became apparent at an early age.

Dr. Troy went on to receive his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he majored in Religion and minored in Education. He went on to earn his Master of Divinity Degree from the Colgate Crozer Seminary in Rochester, New York, and his Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

Since October 1983, Dr. Troy has served as the Pastor of the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. Under his servant leadership, the congregation has grown steadily over the years from 100 to approximately 5,000 members. His unyielding passion for training and leadership serves as the foundation upon which New Salem's internal church growth model is built and continues to yield a relevant ministry for tomorrow's generation of global minded citizens.

He has been blessed to preach and teach in several foreign countries such as South Africa, Liberia and Mozambique.

Outside of New Salem his "beyond the walls" approach to ministry has guided the church in the purchase of 60+ acres of land for future consideration in the development of the New Salem Community of Caring Campus.

Bringing together both faith and function, under Dr. Troy's direction and support, New Salem's Renaissance Development Corporation was a lead partner in the building of the Agler Family Housing Project, representing a first of its kind faith-based collaborative involving a 144-unit multi-family housing project located adjacent to a 90-unit congregate care facility, complemented by two man-made ponds. Dr. Troy's vision and partnership model for community also helped pave the way for the following economic development projects: The Renaissance Community Village, a 64-unit affordable housing complex serving the special needs of large families. These three and four bedroom units are leased with a purchase option and offer below-market rents; The Unity Resource Center, a combined effort with other local CDC's and the Department of Human Services to develop a multimillion dollar 40,000 sq. ft. one-stop shop for employment training and job opportunities in Northeast Columbus; and The Unity Health & Wellness Center, a 54,000 sq. ft. Town Hall of Health Care facility to service area families.

Other initiatives and community development accomplishments spear-headed under Dr. Troy's leadership have included: a food pantry; a childcare center with a latch key program; the King's Corner bookstore; the LIFE motor cycle ministry; the purchase of two, four-unit apartment buildings, now known as New Salem Gardens; and the development of New Salem Manor, a 33-unit senior citizen housing complex involving a collaborative partnership between HUD and the New Salem Church CDC.

Dr. Troy has developed a legacy of service with participation in numerous religious and community organizations. Included among his past positions and current roll call of service are: former President of the Baptist Pastors Conference, former President of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention; Ford Foundation Research Fellow, The Columbus Morehouse College Alumni Association; Community Centered Banking Founding member; Trustee of The House of Troy Foundation; Board Member of the Martin Luther King Arts Complex and Founding member of Unity Partnership, a faith-based economic development corporation that facilitated upwards of \$50 million in public/private investment in the areas of housing, employment, and health care services throughout Northeast Columbus.

He is married to the former Brenda Patterson, a native of Warren, Ohio. Together they are the proud parents of three daughters, Myeshia (McKenzie) Harmon, Tiffane' (Keith) Warren, Shanece and two sons, Andre' and Kendall and seven grandchildren.