

Remembering  
The Life and Legacy of

THE REVEREND  
Dr. Lewis M. Anthony



SATURDAY  
June 3, 2017

VIEWING  
8:30 A.M. | Service 11 A.M.

UNION WESLEY A.M.E. ZION CHURCH  
1860 Michigan Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20018  
The Reverend Dr. Alvin T. Durant, *Pastor*

# THE REVEREND DOCTOR LEWIS M. ANTHONY

A Life Well Lived: Servant, Scholar, Saint

SERVANT

*“...but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave.”*

Matthew 20:26–27

Servant (Diakonos): *One who executes the command of another; a waiter.*

Slave (Doulos): *One who gives himself up to another's will; those whose service is used by Christ in extending and advancing His cause among men; one who is devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests.*

Pastor Lewis M. Anthony often used these Greek words to describe the mark of greatness. He lived his life as a servant to all, and a slave to Christ.

Before he was formed in the womb of his mother, Mrs. Marlene Anthony Carter, or was conceived in the mind of his father, the late Lewis “Bobby” Anthony, God anointed Lewis Marco Anthony to be a servant to persons from all walks of life. He began during his formative years in the District of Columbia’s (DC ) Public School System. While just in junior high school, he led a movement to convince Congress to build a new Shaw Junior High School. He continued to lead and serve his fellow student colleagues by contributing to the first student Bill of Rights for the DC Public Schools. In 1969, after delivering his speech at the dedication of DC’s Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, Lewis was appointed the city’s first Youth Representative and Youth Advisor to DC’s Mayor-Commissioner.

As an adult, Lewis Anthony distinguished himself as a public servant and advocate. He served in the administrations of DC’s first two elected mayors, and as the Director of the Congressional District Office of DC’s first elected member of the United States House of Representatives.

Lewis Anthony served as a cabinet-level advisor to Mayor Marion Barry, but left the post following his refusal to violate the Hatch Act – a provision that disallows federal and District government workers from being involved in political elections. Although he left that position, he continued to serve in the public sector in numerous roles, such as Protestant Chaplain for the Metropolitan Police and Fire Departments, and as a consultant and adviser to numerous public officials.

In addition to serving in the public sector, Lewis Anthony exemplified the meaning of “diakonos” by advocating and loving the “least of these.” He fought for human rights by serving on or chairing a variety of boards including, the Black United Fund, DC Department of Corrections, DC Branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, DC United Way, Court Appointed Service Advocates, and DC Department of Child and Family Services. Lewis Anthony’s community board service provided him with tangible opportunities to uplift the marginalized of society. He was a well-equipped advocate because he spent time teaching, talking with, listening to, and supporting those whom he served.

Lewis Anthony did not see a distinction between the sacred and the secular. His public and community service was an outgrowth of his service to God. A beloved pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Zion tradition, Rev. Dr. Anthony shepherded congregations at John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church (Baltimore, MD), Varick Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church (Washington, DC), Metropolitan Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church (Washington, DC), and St. Lucille A.M.E. Zion Church (Washington, DC). Early in his ministry, he served as interim pastor of the church of his birth, Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church (Washington, DC). Later in his ministry, he shepherded the flock of Full Gospel A.M.E. Zion Church (Temple Hills, MD) during a transitory period. Regardless of the size of the congregation or the duration of his pastorate, Rev. Dr. Anthony demonstrated his commitment to service.

Pastor Anthony's passion for service was fueled by his passion for souls. He earnestly believed in the resurrection power of the gospel of Jesus Christ and devoted his entire life to spreading the gospel in words and deeds. He refused to give up on anyone and would not think twice about endangering himself to reach out to the lost. His ministry to the incarcerated transformed their lives. His genuine heart for the elderly, those suffering with HIV/AIDS, the mentally ill, the drug-addicted and the drug dealers (or, "pharmaceutical distributors," as he referred to them) resulted in yokes of oppression and depression being broken.

Pastor Anthony also loved children and young people. He took time to "preach" a children's sermon every Sunday in each of the churches that he pastored. He often "held court" with youth and young adults, providing amazing wisdom and knowledge on everything from world affairs, to systematic theology, to "Ray Ray and Pookie" issues. He served everyone, yet balked at overtures to be served.

A fourth generation member of the A.M.E. Zion Church, Pastor Anthony tirelessly served his denomination. For more than 20 years, he devoted himself to providing Christian nurture through the denomination's Christian Education Department. He was the resident sage, spiritual adviser, and teacher. Rev. Anthony worked publicly and behind the scenes to provide indefatigable support to three General Secretaries of Christian Education. He also utilized his expertise in Wesleyan theology, Methodist polity and church history to challenge his beloved denomination to remain focused. Dr. Anthony served the denomination as the Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Liaison for Public Policy and Legislative Affairs, was a respected member of the Restructuring Commission, Connectional Council, and for more than 20 years, chaired the Admissions Committee for the Philadelphia-Baltimore Conference.

— THE ORDER *of* WORSHIP —

Rev. Dr. Alvin T. Durant, presiding

Levitical Procession and Scriptural Sentences

The Hymn of Celebration, No. 33

*All Hail the Power*, Diadem (E. Perronet/J. Ellor)

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:28-31

The Reverend Dorothy Peaks

New Testament: I Corinthians 15:50-58

The Reverend Pleasant Bobbitt

Prayer of Comfort and Response

The Reverend Verlie Peters

*It is Well With My Soul* (H. G. Spafford)

Choral Praise

*God and God Alone* (P. McHugh/arr. T. Fettke), Mr. Soloman Howard, *soloist*

Reflections

St. Lucille A.M.E. Zion Church, Ms. Connie Poole, Trustee Chairperson  
Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Mr. Ira L. Hobbs, Leader of Leaders  
Philadelphia-Baltimore Conference, The Reverend Dr. Evalina Huggins

Choral Praise

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (R. Robinson/arr. M. Wilberg)

Reflections

Clergy, The Reverend Dr. Alvin T. Durant  
Sons and Daughters in the Ministry, The Reverend Dr. Kathryn G. Brown  
The Connectional Church, The Reverend George E. McKain II

Choral Selection

*Order My Steps in Your Word* (G. Burleigh), Mrs. Judy C. Williams, *soloist*

The Episcopacy

Bishop Dennis V. Proctor, Presiding Prelate, Northeastern Episcopal District

The Family

Ms. Debbie Brown (cousin)  
Mrs. Marlene Anthony Carter (mother)

Acknowledgments

Mrs. Doris Atkins

Solo Tribute

*There is a Name* (R. Smallwood), Ms. Dawn E. Robinson, *soloist*

Words of Comfort and Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Right Reverend W. Darin Moore  
Presiding Prelate Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Area

Song of Triumph

*Hallelujah* (from G. F. Händel's "The Messiah")

Benediction

Bishop Moore

THE LEWIS M. ANTHONY MEMORIAL CHORALE

Dr. Thomas Dixon Tyler, *Director* ♦ Mr. Everett P. Williams, Jr., *Organist* ♦ Ms. Alma Sanford, *Piano Accompanist*

## SCHOLAR

*“Besides being wise, the Teacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs.” Ecclesiastes 12:9 (NRSV)*

Dr. Anthony was a proud, third-generation Native Washingtonian, who graduated from Anacostia High School, Columbia University, and Harvard University Law School. He was also an avid reader whose brilliant mind and oratorical prowess mesmerized audiences of all ages. Whether speaking for a commencement, teaching at a university, or preaching to a congregation, Lewis Anthony provided insights that elevated and transformed his listeners. His scholarly preparation and down-to-earth presentation made him a favored preacher at Howard University’s Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. For more than a decade he opened the academic year at Howard by reminding students “who they were, and whose they were.”

Even during his childhood, Lewis Anthony demonstrated signs of unusual intellectual ability. His cousins will tell you how he captivated family members by spontaneously reciting Shakespeare and other poetry at family gatherings! He enjoyed academic pursuits and took his education seriously. Dr. Anthony understood that he had a responsibility to use his exceptional cognitive skills to help those who came behind him. There are countless young people who have finished their educations because of Dr. Anthony’s example, encouragement, and financial support.

Rev. Dr. Anthony holds the distinction of addressing the majority of high school graduations in the DC Public School System. He has received worldwide recognition for his scholarship and service, including the Van Am Prize of Columbia University, the National Trio Achievers Award of the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations, the Dean’s Award of the Howard University Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, and Vice President for Academic Affairs for the Maple Springs Baptist College and Seminary.



## SAINT

*“whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of that grace of God which was given me according to the working of His power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the dispensation of the mystery which for ages hath been hid in God who created all things.”*  
Ephesians 3:7-9 (ASV)



These words to the people of Ephesus describe Rev. Dr. Lewis Anthony’s understanding of his life’s purpose. Despite his many accomplishments and the accolades bestowed upon him, Lewis Anthony saw himself as “the least of all the saints.” Saints (hagios) – set apart exclusively for God. Lewis Anthony lived his life exclusively for God. He refused to receive offerings from small, struggling congregations; considered no hour of the day or night as too early or too late to respond to a person in need; and sacrificed his own convenience and comfort to meet the needs of others. Rev. Dr. Lewis Anthony annually washed the feet of members of every congregation that he served, and spent holidays visiting the sick and lonely before enjoying time with his family. He was a saint who would fight fearlessly for the rights of others and trusted God to fight for him.



He enjoyed a close relationship with the late Rev. Eddie Carter, the father who supported and loved him throughout his various professional and ministry endeavors. The two shared a deep faith in God and devotion to the Christian ministry. Together Rev. Carter and Mrs. Carter championed their son as he fulfilled his life’s purpose.

Some may say that Lewis Anthony left this earth too soon, but that is relative. In the words of his brother, Lewis Anthony’s life was “front-loaded.” God began using him to positively impact lives at an early age. His reach is of one who lived to be 100.

This servant, scholar, and saint is cherished by his loving mother, Mrs. Marlene Anthony Carter; a devoted brother and sister-in-law, Orlondo and Lynn Anthony; aunts, Rev. Verlie Peters and Ms. Nancy Bradley; godmother, Ms. Louise White; “popsicle friend” Ms. Doris Atkins, several cousins, numerous godchildren and spiritual children, his beloved “Magpies” of St. Lucille A.M.E. Zion Church and multitudes of people whose lives were transformed by his ministry.

TO YOU... TO ME

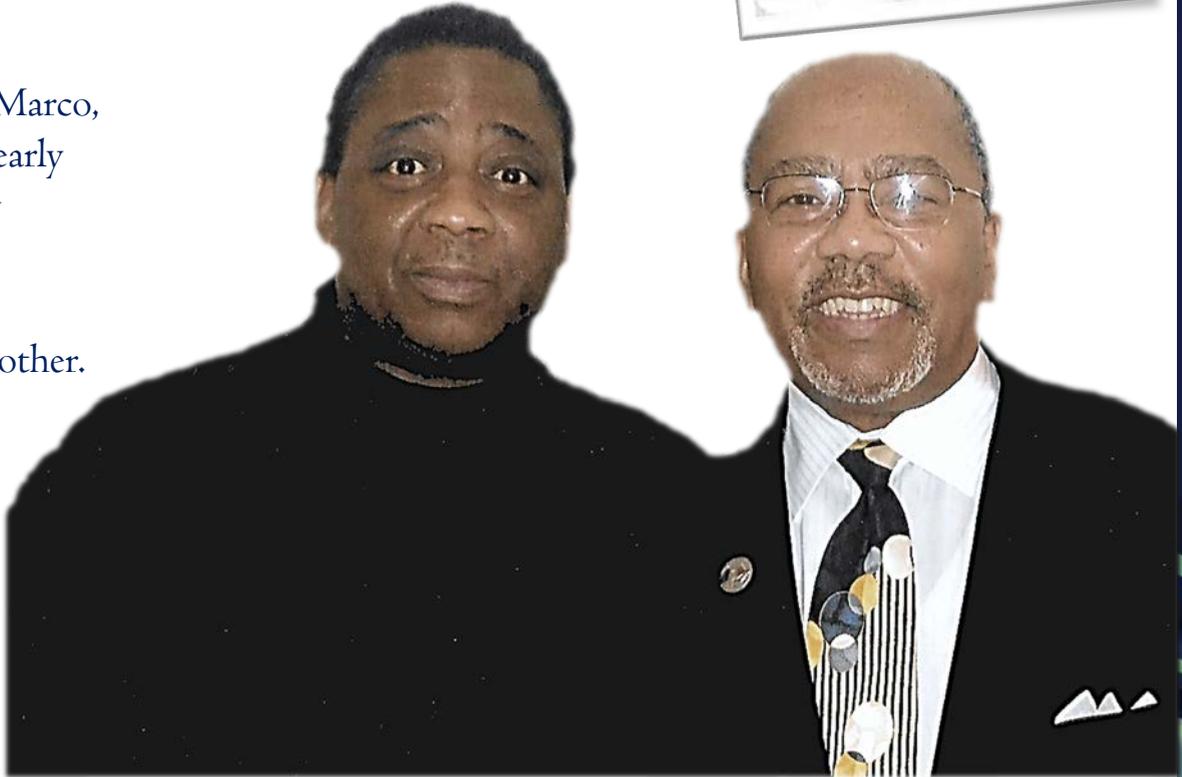
To you, he was...

Inspirational, encouraging,  
energizing, motivating, stimulating,  
intelligent, rhetorician, speechifier,  
eulogist, sermonizer, reverend,  
evangelist, revivalist, clergyman,  
pious, religious, holy, consecrated,  
heavenly, genuine, honest, sincere,  
compassionate, supportive,  
unforgettable.



To me, he was...

Just my brother, Marco,  
Whom I loved dearly  
and will be in my  
heart and soul  
until we reunite.  
I love you, Big Brother.  
-Rick



— PALL BEARERS —

Sean D. Chase  
Warner B. Coleman  
Malik S. English  
Anthony A. Peters

Cory V. Poole  
Michael T. Spencer  
Dirk E. Thompson  
Dorioan A. Willingham

A repast will take immediately following the service in the fellowship hall.

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Dean Bernard L. Richardson (Howard University Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel)

Rev. Dr. Alvin T. Durant and Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church (Washington, DC)

— INTERMENT —

Monday, June 5, 2017, 12:30 P.M.

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Services for our Loved One have been entrusted to the final care of

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