



## **Biography for Elder Kareem J. Bowen Pastor of The Potter's Touch International Ministries**

Elder Kareem J. Bowen is a native of the Saginaw Community (Great Lakes Bay Region of Michigan). He attended school both in Saginaw and Buena Vista Township, before graduating from Carrolton High School. Kareem continued his post-secondary education at Michigan State University, graduating in 1995 with a Bachelor of Natural Science degree in Physiology and a minor in Spanish Language and Culture. He later returned to his Spartan Alma Mater and earned a Master of Physiology degree in 1998.

In years ensuing his graduation, Kareem has worked in a magnitude of Governmental Agencies and Bureau's including Bureau of Elections, Secretary of State, Department of Corrections – Healthcare, Prisoner Affairs, Education, and Office of Audit Litigation and Internal Affairs Divisions all in Lansing, Michigan.

Kareem's strong faith in God and dedication to Biblical principles led him to being licensed as a Minister at Victorious Believers Ministries (VBM) C.O.G.I.C. in 1998 under the late Bishop Marvin C. Pryor. During his 25 years' tenure at VBM he served in a variety of leadership capacities alongside of Bishop Pryor, before being ordained an Elder in 2003.

In 2005 Elder Bowen co-founded the Man-Up-Forum with a business partner and developed national partnership with many notable companies and organizations which includes Best Buy, Walmart and President Obama's White House Administration to name a few.

Feeling the spiritual tug for a deeper call to the ministry, in December 2012 Elder Bowen founded The Potter's Touch International Ministries with just seven members. Since then God has grown the ministry to include over 200 members with international members in Budapest, Switzerland, Germany, ministry partnership with churches in Kenya, Uganda, Pakistan, and SVSU Impact Campus Ministry with over 400 members, Faith Walkers Bible Academy, and a daily inspiration video blog, Morning Manna with Pastor K.

Pastor Bowen has evolved his personal ministry to include Inspirational Speaker, Life Coach, Author "Reclaiming a Lost Generation" and "All Women Love Chocolate," Mentor, Community Activist, Columnist, Playwright, Songwriter, General Contractor (Bowen & Garth Contracting, LLC), and Radio Personality with talk show, Straight Talk with Kareem Bowen and United Shades of Gray, "Conversations on race in America".

He also commits to impacting the lives of college students on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University through IMPACT, the outreach campus ministry of TPT. Going on its' 8th year, this ministry has been transforming the lives of young college students and training them to pursue their education and a degree and more importantly how to cultivate a personal walk with Christ.

*His life motto is derived from Proverbs 16:3, "Commit your works unto the Lord and your thoughts will be established."*