

Pastor Leonard Victor Lowery

EDUCATION

Attended New York Institute of Technology, New York, New York. Graduated in June of 1970 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Technology.

Served two (2) years on the student court and in senior year was appointed Chief Justice.

CAREER In July, 1970 began a career with New York Telephone in the Central Office Equipment Engineering Department, New York, New York. He was appointed to a special task force as a project manager that resulted in the first rerouting of switchboard traffic, the heaviest in the state, to other areas during off peak hours.

In the mid 70's, New York Telephone was under attack for what was perceived as its insensitivity to its customers, especially the poor. In October of 1974, Mr. Lowery transferred to Community Relations, with the mandate to improve the corporate image in the "community". Mr. Lowery fostered community and corporate partnership which enable New York Telephone employees and grassroots organization i.e., block associations, senior centers, precinct community councils, community boards, health clinics, and local development corporations to work together for community improvement. The effort resulted in consumer forums, health fairs, mobile business offices, special events, company sponsorships, tutorial programs, and an image of New York Telephone as a good "Corporate Neighbor."

In 1980 and 1981, Mr. Lowery was the Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor of the Metropolitan Division and was awarded the title of Distinguished Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Lowery was also first runner up 1981 for New York Telephone's coveted Black Achiever's Award.

In 1982, Mr. Lowery transferred to NYNEX - NY, Information Services Operations as an Assistant Systems Analyst responsible for the coding and operation of 150 Cobol programs that ran nightly processing millions of dollars of company revenue across the state. This resulted in the Other Charges and Credits billing on the monthly telephone statement. With life much more structured in this environment, Mr. Lowery started to seek Christian spirituality and in 1981 became a member of Redeeming Love Christian Center, now located in Nanuet, New

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In 1984, Mr. Lowery met and married in 1986, Ms. Laura Gonzalez. Two children have come from that union, Nathanael and Grace Lowery.

With New York Telephone again under fire for not disseminating enough telephone consumers, especially economically disadvantaged, Mr. Lowery returned in 1988 to New York Telephone, Public Affairs and Corporate Communications assigned to the Harlem area. He assembled community leaders for round table discussions regarding telephone service and consumer needs in that locale.

Mr. Lowery initiated NYNEX Telephone Consumer Information Talks with human service providers, seniors, civic, educational, religious, consumer and other recognized organizations to provide information on wide range of Telecommunications issues.

He also worked very closely with NYNEX Government Relations, Regulatory Affairs and the NYS Public Service Commission to insure that the Commission's mandates were complied with in providing service and information to the consumer.

In 1990, Reverend Lowery and his wife, Laura Lowery were ordained into the ministry and founded Love Oasis Christian Center.

In 1993, Mr. Lowery was awarded the New York Telephone President's Award and was a finalist for the NYNEX Chairman's Award.

In 1994, Mr. Lowery retired from NYNEX to answer a higher calling and is currently Senior Pastor of Love Oasis Christian Center on Long Island.