

A Proclamation of Bishop Carlton D. Pearson's Heroic Legacy and Historic Theological Reformation

by The Communion of Expanding Consciousness

In March of 2004, Bishop Carlton D. Pearson was denounced as a heretic by the Joint College of African-American Pentecostal Bishops. This proclamation shall stand as an announcement, answer and antithesis of the former. Furthermore, while a select group of ministers rejected Bishop Carlton D. Pearson's message, the academy at large embraced his mind. In 2016, Harvard University archived the intellectual properties of Bishop Carlton D. Pearson in order to preserve his teachings and writings for future generations of seminarians and academicians. In addition, in April of 2024, Morehouse College will posthumously induct Bishop Carlton D. Pearson into the historic Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall of Preachers where his portrait will hang in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel's archives for generations to come.

The Communion of Expanding Consciousness and the Spiritual Progeny of Bishop Carlton D. Pearson proclaim Bishop Carlton D. Pearson as a hero, not a heretic, and as an Apostle of the future of religion. His journey in consciousness and his writings are being, and will continue to be, heralded and studied in churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, institutions of higher learning and seminaries around the world.

We proclaim Bishop Carlton D. Pearson as a true church reformer and social revolutionary embodying the lineage, likeness and legacies of Martin Luther, John Wesley, Fredrick Douglass, Paul Tillich, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Howard Thurman, Bishop John Shelby Spong, and Pope Francis Bergoglio.

We proclaim Bishop Carlton D. Pearson as a spiritual catalyst awakening the Christian church from its dogmatic slumber and doctrinal sleep. We give thanks for generations yet to be born who will walk freely in truth as a result of the price paid by this prophet of God.
Bishop Carlton D. Pearson lost it all to gain everything.

We proclaim the *Gospel of Inclusion* reaches beyond religious fundamentalism and awakens us to the true love that IS God. In the Oneness of God there is room for all. God is not a Christian nor a Jew, Muslim, Hindu, or Buddhist. God dwells with us, in us, around us and AS us. We proclaim peace is possible. What divides us should no longer stand in the way of what can, should, and must unite us.

We proclaim *Inclusion* supports and promotes the idea that we are not separate from each other or God no matter our race, gender, creed, religious brand, political affiliation, sexual orientation, or country of origin. *Inclusion* seeks to be a light shining on the pathway back to the awareness of intrinsic oneness with each other and the Divine.

We proclaim the American Christian church and its musical and creative expression has long been supported and sustained for generations by the gifts, talents and anointings of the LGBTQIA+ community.
We can no longer justify singing the songs of our same gender loving family while cursing their souls.

We proclaim on this day, December 10, 2023, Carlton D. Pearson to be an oracle of God, change agent, the voice of one crying in the wilderness, headlight and not a tail light, speaking truth to power, rightly dividing the Word of truth, refusing the temptation to sell his soul for riches and resisting the enticement to give his mind over to the thirst for popularity and the hunger for fame and fortune. On this historic day we say,
"Well done Bishop Carlton D. Pearson, you finished your race, you ran well, enter the joy, the peace, the presence, and the rest of God."

Although the man is gone, the message, methodology, mission and mandate live on IN and AS us. We will carry the inclusive love of God in our hearts. We will state the case and stay the course. We know the same God who began a good work in us will see it to the day of completion. Amen. And, so it is.