

Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Sampson III received his Doctorate of Divinity degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theater and Vocal Music Performance from The University of Cincinnati Ohio. He is also an alum of The Juilliard School of Music. In addition to Hazel Park First, Dr. Sampson also serves as pastor of St. Paul UMC in Bloomfield Hills.

Before his current assignments, Dr. Sampson served as the campus pastor of West Outer Drive UMC, and has served in many other capacities including:

- Drug Addiction Counselor, Family Counselor, and Administrative Assistant to the Pastor at the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Mi.
- Pastor of the Pleasant Green Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee
- Coordinator, Administrator, and Associate Professor at Spring Arbor College in Detroit, Mi.
- Associate Professor of American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee
- Personnel Trainer and College Recruiter at the American National Service Company

He is a composer, a published author, and playwright. He was the owner/director of Magi Ministries and Enchantment Theater – an organization presenting story themes and musical material in a group counseling format. This unique presentation style, shared with many students in more than 30 schools in Dallas, Texas, dealt with subjects such as peer pressure, goal setting, and lifestyle disciplines.

Dr. Sampson is also a professional singer and has given many concerts and performances. He has received numerous awards including the Clyde T. Francisco Preaching Award from the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Sampson is the proud father of two adult children, Frederick IV, and Mrs. Eva Marie Hill, and the devoted husband of Mrs. Pamela McCree Sampson.