



Elder Eric D. Russell has been a member of the Church of the Living God International Inc. for over 30 years under the tutelage & mentorship of the founder and presiding Prelate Dr. Joseph White. Elder Russell has served as the local youth director of the Pool of Bethesda and the State Secretary of the church which was known at the time as the Great Lakes Diocese International. While serving as the State Secretary Elder Eric traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe with Bishop White. Elder Eric learned how to be a leader and work in the ministry earning a reputation as a “*Faithful young man of God*”.

In 1995 he was appointed as the International Director of the Youth and Young Adult Department (IYYAD) and ordained as an Elder in 1996. Additionally, Elder Eric served as Senior Assistant Pastor and Minister of Music of Pillar of Truth Church of the Living God from 1996 to 1998.

Elder Russell graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2001 from The Ohio State University with a BS in Political Science. He continued on to graduate school at The Ohio State University and completed his Master’s and Doctoral Degree in Political Science in 2008. Dr. Russell’s area of concentration is American Politics with a specialization in minor parties. Dr. Russell’s work on minor parties will be published in a book about elections and the effect of Minor Parties to be released in 2011.

Currently, Dr. Russell resides in Auburn, Alabama where he is a Professor at Auburn University and serves on various committees in the department of Political Science. Dr. Russell is also the Pastor of Auburn Opelika Worship Center while continuing to lead the International Youth and Young Adult Department. Dr. Russell is a wise and faithful director whose leadership has made the IYYAD a great and thriving department in the CLGI. Dr. Russell is married to his beautiful wife of 16 years Dr. Christiana Russell and they have 2 lovely daughters; 10 year old Heaven & 2 year old Faith.