



Elder Eric Duane Russell is a native of Columbus, Ohio where he has been a member of the Pool of Bethesda Church of the Living God International Inc. for over 30 years. He is one of the oldest members of the Pool of Bethesda and has been under the tutelage & mentorship of the founder and presiding prelate Dr. Joseph White nearly all of his life. Elder Eric began his journey for the Lord at a young age and accepted his calling into the ministry. Shortly thereafter he was appointed as the local youth director of the Pool of Bethesda. While serving as the local youth director Elder Eric was a wonderful leader and mentor to many youth in the church.

As a result of his faithfulness, in 1989 the Lord elevated Elder Eric and he was appointed as 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. The Lord continued to elevate Elder Eric and in 1995 he was appointed as the International Director of the Youth and Young Adult Department and ordained as an Elder the following year. Also Elder Eric was appointed as Senior Assistant Pastor and Minister of Music of Pillar of Truth Church of the Living God from 1996 to 1998. The Lord has continued to take Elder Eric to higher heights and deeper depths in him.

Not only is Elder Eric a role model and example in his spiritual life but also in his secular life. Through many obstacles the Lord enabled Elder Eric to overcome all the setbacks and misfortunes of his youth and return to The Ohio State University to complete his education. He graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2001 from The Ohio State with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. He was then accepted in the Doctoral Program at Ohio State with a full academic graduate fellowship. While in the Doctoral program Elder Eric obtained his Master's degree and completed his Doctoral program in 2008.

Dr. Russell is currently an Assistant Professor in Auburn University in Auburn, AL where he lives with his wife ~ Dr. Christiana Russell and 2 lovely daughters – Heaven & Faith. The Lord has been good to Dr. Russell and continues to lead him and guide him into all paths of truth!