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Stephen J. Thurston II is a native of Chicago, Illinois. After receiving his elementary and high school education through both the public and private school systems, Stephen went on to pursue higher education at some of the most respected academic institutions in the world including Oxford University, Northwestern University, Mercer University, and Morehouse College. With a desire to empower and equip both individuals and organizations to reach their full potential Stephen has also attained the coveted Project Management Professional (PMP) certification.

Stephen has served as pastor of the New Covenant Baptist Church in Chicago, IL, National Youth Director of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, as a consultant for the Chicago Urban League and Chicago Public Schools, and social justice advocate within the city of Chicago. Stephen currently serves as Teaching Pastor at the Salem Baptist Church of Chicago. In addition to Stephen's career in ministry he has also engaged the path of entrepreneurship, inclusive of real estate holdings and retail stores and is the author of the book *Mirror Moments*. Stephen's overarching focus is to lead individuals and organizations to change what's within in order to change what's around.