

## **Residency Opportunity for Post-Graduate Ministers in Chicagoland**

**Title:** Post-Graduate Ministerial Resident

**Location:** Salem Baptist Church of Chicago and Progressive Baptist Church, Chicagoland

**Duration:** 6 weeks

**Overview:** We are excited to offer a unique residency opportunity for post-graduate ministers to serve in two of the most vibrant and historic churches in the nation. Salem Baptist Church of Chicago and Progressive Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Charlie Edward Dates, are seeking dynamic and committed post-graduate ministers for a transformative residency program. This opportunity is tailor-made for individuals sensing the call to make a significant impact in the Black Church, providing a platform to preach, lead, and innovate in a supportive and vibrant community. This residency presents an extraordinary chance to engage in a dynamic, multifaceted ministry context, one that is deeply rooted in the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of the city.

In this residency, you will have the privilege of collaborating with Dr. Charlie Dates, a leading voice in preaching and church revitalization. This collaboration provides an unparalleled learning experience, fostering skills essential for effective church leadership and community engagement. You will be immersed in a setting where history meets innovation, and tradition intertwines with contemporary approaches to faith and community service.

This residency is more than just a role; it is a journey through the heart of Chicago's religious landscape, offering a chance to make a tangible impact while growing as a leader and a servant. We invite you to be a part of this exceptional experience, contributing to and learning from ministries that have been pillars of hope and change in the Black Church and beyond.

### **Key Opportunities and Responsibilities:**

- **Receive Direct Mentorship from Pastor Charlie Dates:** This residency offers a unique chance to work closely with Dr. Charlie Dates, supporting his global ministry initiatives. Residents will be involved in creating content, resources, and experiences that not only empower the local church in Chicagoland but also extend their impact globally.
- **Preach and Facilitate Pulpit Ministry:** Engage in regular preaching opportunities, support worship planning, and contribute to the spiritual nourishment of our congregations.
- **Organize Outreach Initiatives:** Lead and develop community outreach programs that address local needs, fostering a strong church-community relationship.

- **Special Projects Leadership:** Spearhead special projects that align with the church's vision and mission, demonstrating creativity and strategic planning.
- **Ministry Development:** Innovate and implement new ministry initiatives, tailoring them to the evolving needs of our congregation and community.
- **Leadership Skill Enhancement:** Receive coaching and training focused on developing practical skills for leading in a Black Church context.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Completed post-graduate theological education.
- A deep commitment to the historic teachings of the Christian faith, commitment to the values and principles of the Salem Baptist Church of Chicago and the Progressive Baptist Church.
- A strong sense of call and passion for pastoral ministry.
- Demonstrated ability in preaching, teaching, and ministry leadership.
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to manage multiple projects.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

#### **Benefits:**

- Hands-on ministry experience in two vibrant congregations.
- Mentorship from experienced church leaders, including Rev. Dr. Charlie Edward Dates.
- Opportunities to develop and implement innovative ministry ideas.
- Networking with other ministers and leaders in the Black Church community.
- Full-time pay and housing provision.

**Application Process:** Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, one preaching sample, and three references. Applications must be received by **April 12, 2024**. Further details on the application process, including a submission form and additional guidelines, are available at <https://www.preachingdates.com/dates-fellowship-application>