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*The Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention marked its 143rd year with the election of Rev. Dr. Vernon Swift of Tuscaloosa, Alabama as the new President of the Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention.*

*Vernon Swift was born in West Point, MS to Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Swift. He is a graduate of West Point High School in West Point, MS.*

*Reverend Swift's educational accomplishments include associates of Arts Degree in Social Science from Mary Holmes College of West Point Mississippi, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from Stillman College of Tuscaloosa Alabama and the Master's Degree in Special Education from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. Reverend Swift utilized the specialized training while teaching at the Partlow State School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He has also served as an adjunct instructor at the University of Alabama. In 1983, the Mary Holmes College bestowed upon him the Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree. Reverend Swift completed additional studies at the Mississippi State University of Starkville, Mississippi, Southern Bible College of Birmingham, Alabama, Howard Extension of Samford University of Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Birmingham Estonian Baptist Bible College of Birmingham, Alabama.*

*Since becoming pastor of Elizabeth Baptist Church, Reverend Swift has made numerous accomplishments including the building of a two-story, Multi purpose Family Life Center. Under his leadership, the Church has grown spiritually and numerically. This growth has given way to a new five million dollar ultra modern sanctuary able to accommodate over eight hundred worshippers.*

*Reverend Swift is a gifted preacher and teacher. He has preached throughout the United States carrying the Word of the Lord to the unsaved.*

*Reverend Swift is active in his community and has received many accolades and awards for his community involvement. He received recognition as Citizen of the Year awarded by the Concerned Citizens of Tuscaloosa, County. In addition to his many pastoral duties Swift finds time to participate in many religious civic organizations. Reverend Swift has served as a board member on the Benjamin Barnes YMCA and United way of Tuscaloosa County, the American Red Cross, Chairman of the Board of Alabama State SCLC, President of the Tuscaloosa Ministerial Fellowship, Lecturer to the Alabama State Women's Convention, Spiritual Advisor to the Matron's Department of the New Antioch Bethlehem District Association, Vice Moderator of the New Antioch Bethlehem District Association, President of the Tuscaloosa County Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, First Vice President of the Northwest District Alabama State Baptist convention and Founder and Chairman of the Board of the Elizabeth Project Care, Inc., and organization which includes the 100 Men/100 Boys program, Senior Citizens program, Substance Abuse Program and Child Development Center. In 2005, Reverend Swift was named Moderator of the New Antioch Bethlehem District Association of Tuscaloosa County, he has also been named Second Vice President of the Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention, and most recently, Reverend Swift has accepted the position as president of the Alabama Northwest District State Convention. On November 16, 2006, Reverend Swift was elected Vice President at large of the Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention, Inc.*

*Reverend Swift is a much sought-after minister for his biblically-based, doctrinally sound, and life-centered preaching and teaching. His servant-leadership style and his personal integrity have molded and shaped the growth of Elizabeth Baptist Church's Christian Education emphasis, outreach ministry, physical growth and spiritual maturity.*

*But, even more significant than Rev. Swifts' many pastoral accomplishments and academic credentials, is his genuine love for the people of God. He is a spiritual leader who takes his calling seriously.*

*Reverend Swift is married to Josephine Ware Swift and they are the proud parents of a son Vernon Keith Swift (April), and a daughter Felisa Swift Washington (Rev. Michael). They have five grandchildren.*