

Reverend Herbert H. Lusk, II

Pastor Herbert H. Lusk, II, Senior Pastor of Greater Exodus Baptist Church, 704-714 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania since 1982, has committed himself ever increasingly to service of those in poverty: the jobless, the homeless, the hungry, and those in prison and their children, having left his position as the "Praying Tail Back" on the Philadelphia Eagles team to do so.

Pastor Lusk founded People for People, Incorporated, (PFP) in 1989 as the community development arm of Greater Exodus Baptist Church. Since 1989, People for People has filled to capacity its 8 story building with over 200 employees servicing community development and revitalization initiatives including the 540 student **PFP Charter School**, (K-8), the 135-child **Early Childhood Development Center**, the **EARN Center** (welfare to work program servicing over 500 clients per year), which helps TANF recipients find jobs, and provides computer skills training; the **Mentoring Children of Purpose** program, (for children with incarcerated parents), and the **PFP Community Development Credit Union**, which offers financial education and services not typically available to low income patrons. In addition, Pastor Lusk founded **Stand for Africa** in 2003, to raise awareness about and funding for the AIDS orphans and their families in various countries on the African continent. Due to his tireless efforts in this area, he received a Presidential appointment to the *Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS*, and SFA now serves the needs of those in over seven African countries.

Currently, Pastor Lusk is raising funding necessary to renovate a building formerly owned by the city into the **PFP Community Center**, (Philadelphia's first *green* community center), in order to remove our students and their families from increasingly dangerous Philadelphia streets, and provide them with the space and the equipment for sports activities, computer teaching labs, youth enrichment, mentoring programs and other events and activities beneficial to families. He also is partnering with community leaders and developers to increase low income housing stock in the 574 square blocks surrounding PFP, and to increase the entrepreneurial energy in this area through new business initiatives as the neighborhood development progresses.

In answer to the enormous need for counseling and support services for women and men facing unexpected or crisis pregnancies, Pastor Lusk has renovated a building on Broad Street into the new **HOPE Center**, where alternatives to abortion will be made available and families will be strengthened and encouraged during times of pregnancy-related stress.

Lastly, Pastor Lusk has led People for People into partnership with Eastern University in order to create the **PFP Institute**, which provides higher education classes to low income students unable to afford them otherwise. The resulting associate's degrees will enable them to acquire employment with salaries large enough to make them truly self-sufficient and to provide for the needs of their families.

Pastor Herbert H. Lusk, II was licensed to preach April 13, 1980, under Reverend Jerry William Daily; First African Baptist Church, Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania, and was ordained September 8, 1983, by the Monterey Bay Baptist Association, Monterey, California.

EDUCATION (in chronological order)

- Student at Monterey Peninsula College, 1972-1973
- Student at University of California at Long Beach (subsequently inducted into LB Hall of Fame)
- Graduate of Gwynedd-Mercy College with a Bachelors Degree in Psychology, and Sociology.
- Graduate of the Reformed Episcopal Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with a Masters Degree of Divinity.
- Received Honorary Doctorate from Westminster Theological Seminary, May 25, 2006
- Received Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Eastern University December 16, 2006.
- Received Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree Reformed Episcopal Seminary, February 3, 2008.

Pastor Lusk attends workshops and seminars on varied subjects annually, has received countless awards, honors and citations, has served on the boards of numerous organizations and travels to Africa on average, twice each year to meet with national and community leaders and health providers to help direct Stand for Africa funding into the most cost-effective channels for the greatest impact in the war against HIV/AIDS, and to bring the most help possible to the millions of AIDS orphans. Philadelphia Magazine, November, 2005, named him one of Philadelphia's 50 most influential leaders, and he has hosted the President of the United States twice at PFP in the last decade.

Pastor Lusk is married to his beloved wife, Vickey, with whom he has three adult children, Danuelle, Leah and Herbert, III. He continues to pastor Greater Exodus Baptist Church, which has grown from 17 members to over 2,000 under his leadership, while concurrently acting as CEO of People for People, Inc.