



# About Pastor Gil

## **Background**

Gilford T. Monroe, a native of the US Virgin Islands, and founder of Brooklyn Center of Quality Life, moved to New York in 1999 to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and Bible Studies at Nyack College and Alliance Theological Seminary, and to marry the love of his life, Dianne Thomas.

## **Pursuit of Passion**

Gilford Monroe had a lifelong dream of serving the church, especially the youth, and as such functioned as Youth Director for five years, developing programs for young people at the now historic Mt. Zion Church of God 7th Day. Through working at their level, he demonstrated that he understood their struggles, devoting tireless efforts to enhance their spiritual maturity. In this respect, Gilford flourished and became a ministerial and visionary trailblazer, as well as a spiritual shepherd to many. In May 2005, Gilford was ordained to the ministry as a pastor and now continues to show great and unyielding love for his church and its members.



# Strides for The Community

Gilford's efforts to give in a capacity beyond himself goes beyond the four walls of the church, which has driven him to serve locally and beyond, as well as create and partner with several organizations. In 2002, he established the Catch The Vision (CTV) Youth Conferences, which has empowered youth, leaders, and marriages, attracting youth and adults alike from around the world. He also initiated the annual Unity Gospel Fest at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center to bring together spiritual and physical wellness. Gilford was instrumental in the establishment and development of the East Flatbush Ready When the Time Comes Disaster Team, which through the American Red Cross in Greater New York, provides disaster-relief training to volunteer teams from local community groups, and currently serves as Team Leader.

Gilford's life of service is also portrayed through his work as a chaplain for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Additionally, through his role as director of the Faith Based and Clergy Initiative at the Brooklyn Borough President's Office, Gilford proves that not only is there a thin gap between church and state, but that this gap can be bridged. He is a Board member for the Flatbush YMCA, and is on the Advisory Board for Boys Town. Gilford Monroe, a man whose life of service has no restrictions, also serves as **Chair of the Community Leadership Council of Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center.**

## Peace In Partnerships

Furthermore, Gilford Monroe served as Vice President of various organizations — The St. Lucia House Foundation, The Church of God 7th Day Pastor's Network, Inc., and Churches United to Save and Heal. Gilford's dedication to save youth from gun violence and gangs prompted him to become the founding President of the 67th Precinct Clergy Council, which serves as a liaison between the police and the community. He is a graduate of the New York Police Department Citizen Academy, as well as the FBI Citizen Academy.

Gilford has traveled extensively across the United States and internationally, where he has partnered with groups across the Caribbean, Africa, Brazil, Moscow, England, and Israel. He has been a guest speaker for several events, where he empowers youth, and likewise adults, to become active in their communities, and to be responsible citizens of the world. Locally, Gilford works with various elected officials and community leaders as a moral voice and spiritual counsel on issues affecting the community at large.

As the loving husband of Dianne Monrose, and father to Gianne and Joshua, Gilford Monrose is a passionate advocate for families and children as they reside in Weeksville, Brooklyn.

*"We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done."*

- Henry Wodsworth Longfellow.

## Nonprofits and Initiatives Founded/Co-Founded by Pastor Monrose

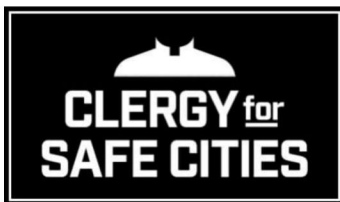


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