

**APPOINTMENT**

Approving the reappointment of Reverend Victor Grigsby to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2006.

In Council March 2, 2004.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



**Rich Fitzgerald**  
President of Council

Attest: John Mascio  
**John Mascio**  
Chief Clerk of Council

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January 29, 2004

Honorable President and Members  
Allegheny County Council  
119 Courthouse  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Reverend Victor Grigsby, whom I am recommending for reappointment to the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board.

The Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board replaced the Prison Board. The Oversight Board is responsible for setting policy at the Allegheny County Jail, and also reviews all executive actions originating from the Jail. I am recommending Rev. Grigsby to serve another 3-year term ending on December 31, 2006.

Currently, Reverend Grigsby serves as pastor of the Central Baptist Church in the Hill District neighborhood of Pittsburgh. He has also served the community by participating as a member of the Jail Oversight Board since 1998.

I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Rev. Grigsby will make himself available for review before the appropriate committee if members of Council wish to speak with him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Onorato". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dan Onorato

CC: Rev. Victor Grigsby

## Rev. Victor Julius Grigsby

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**"For I determined not to know anything among you, save JESUS CHRIST, And Him crucified."  
-- I Corinthians 2:2**

Reverend Victor Julius Grigsby is a second-generation Gospel preacher. Born to the Rev. And Mrs. Canard S. Grigsby, Sr. on September 1, 1961 in Warrenton, Virginia, Rev. Victor Grigsby is the product of strong spiritual roots. This family's legacy of leadership has produced a calling of two sons into the preaching ministry. In 1979 at the age of seventeen, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Raised in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, Rev. Grigsby's earliest educational experiences were nurtured in the Quaker Valley Public Schools. He briefly attended Boston University and later transferred to the University of Pittsburgh where he was awarded a B.A. in Philosophy. Rev. Grigsby is currently completing course work toward a master of Divinity degree at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Ordained a minister of the Gospel in July 1986 at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, Rev. Grigsby went on to fulfill his first call to Pastor at the Second Baptist Church in Ford City, Pennsylvania where he served until December 1996. At that time, Rev. Grigsby received the call to Pastor the Central Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where he is presently fulfilling his charge.

Under the leadership of Rev. Grigsby, God has prospered the Central Baptist Church in all areas of Christian administration and spiritual development. Boasting an outgrowth of thirty-eight life-changing ministries. Rev. Grigsby continues to redefine Urban Ministry in social context. Through his labors of love the church has tripled in membership, birthed sons and daughters into the Gospel Ministry, and has created an atmosphere of praise and worship where the Central Baptist Church proclaims to be *"A Church with a Vision, A People with a Prayer, Worshipping God with a Praise."* Moreover, under his gifting the Central Baptist Church has shown a significant increase in enrollment and development of its Christian Academy. The church also operates a daily Outreach Food Ministry that feeds over one hundred needy and indigent community members. The church's Prison Ministry, Summer Bridge Program, and international Missions campaigns that sponsor missionaries from Ghana, Africa, to Beijing, China have also significantly increased under his leadership.

Rev. Grigsby is truly a servant of God, a scholar and teacher of His holy word. Under the divine guidance of our risen Lord, Rev. Grigsby says, "...the vision is clear. Anointed worship, social impact, economic empowerment and educational strength are the vital pieces of creating a ministry that will meet the needs of this present age and challenge us to seek greater evangelistic opportunity."

Through a twenty year Master Development Plan, Rev. Grigsby has expressed his "God-given vision" to build a Life Development Center, Christian Academy, Community Center, Senior Housing facility, and a Commercial and Retail Development Center. The first phase of this Commercial and Retail Development is currently under construction that will rebuild an impoverished community and serve toward spiritual renewal and social revitalization.

Rev. Grigsby is involved in numerous civic, social and political activities. He has lead the Allegheny Union Baptist Association (A.U.B.A.) as Vice-President of Christian Education, was the A.U.B.A. Kiski Area Vice-Moderator, and currently serves as Vice-President of the Allegheny County Prison Advisory Board. He has served on various committees which include: The Christian Associates of Western Pennsylvania Theological Advisory Committee, The One Church One Child Adoption Program, and the Board of the Sunrise Home Transitional Living Facility.

Rev. Grigsby married Vickie LaVerne McKenzie in 1983 and from their union they are blessed with seven beautiful children. Mrs. Grigsby is an inspiring role model. Her testimony is a sincere love for the Word of God.

Rev. Grigsby can be seen weekly on Cornerstone Television Christian Broadcasting Network as a Television Evangelist. This global ministry has maintained the history of a powerful teaching and preaching television ministry that has uplifted souls for the past nineteen years. Encouraging correspondence and financial assistance from across the United States is poured in weekly to support this outreach ministry.

Surely, Rev. Grigsby is "a man after God's own heart" and simply awaits the day he can hear his Lord say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."



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February 18, 2004

Reverend Victor Grigby  
3068 Iowa Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Reverend Grigby:

This is to inform you that Council President Rich Fitzgerald, Chairperson of Council's Committee on Appointment Review, has scheduled an Appointment Review Committee Meeting for 5:00 PM, **Thursday, February 26, 2004** in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

The Councilman requests your presence at the meeting to discuss your nomination for reappointment to the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board. He indicated that those of you that were nominated for reappointment should be prepared to answer questions including how long you have served on the board, your biggest accomplishments on that board, and what you envision your future goals to be if reappointed.

Those of you that are new nominees should be prepared to answer questions relative to your background and qualifications and what you hope to accomplish if appointed.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact me at 412-350-6495.

Sincerely,

John Mascio  
Chief Clerk  
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March 4, 2004

Victor Grigsby  
3068 Iowa Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Reverend Grigsby:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 2, 2004, Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term to expire December 31, 2006.

Congratulations on your appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rich Fitzgerald".

Rich Fitzgerald, President  
District 11 Representative

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