

# *Solemnization of Holy Matrimony*

Between

*Rev. Samuel Emmanuel Vansiea*

and

*Ms. Judy Edvaline Ireland*

**St. James A. M. E. Church**

624 West Central Ave

St. Paul, Minnesota

Saturday, August 6, 2011

1:00 pm.

## **ABOUT THE COUPLE:**

**Rev. Samuel E. Vansiea**, senior pastor of Joy World Universal Church in Minneapolis was born in Grand Bassa County, Liberia. His parents, now deceased, were Emmanuel Vansiea and Saykon Vansiea. He embraced the Christian faith before his 10th birthday and was baptized in 1972 at Calvary Baptist Church, Monrovia. He has been faithfully serving the Lord in various capacities including Sunday School superintendent, deacon, assistant pastor, and senior pastor.



He was ordained in 1991 in the Union Baptist Church of Danane, Ivory Coast under the pastoral leadership of Rev. J. Edwin Lloyd. Prior to coming to the United States he was senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Monrovia; teacher at the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary, and Liberty Theological Institute. He also served as assistant pastor for Union Baptist Church in Danane. Rev. Vansiea is a great preacher and teacher of the Word of God and he loves people.

He is currently staff chaplain at North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale and treasurer of the Liberian Ministers Association in Minnesota.

Rev. Vansiea received all of his primary education in Liberia. He attended Gas School, G. W. Gibson School, Newport Junior High School, and St. Patrick's High School in Monrovia. He holds an Associate Degree in accounting from the College of West Africa Junior College in Monrovia, Liberia and a diploma in electronics (telecommunications) from the Union [Mano River Union] Telecommunications Institute in Freetown, Sierra Leone. He holds a B.Th Degree from the Liberian Baptist Theological Seminary and a M.Div Degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Minnesota. Currently and is studying for his Doctor of Ministry Degree at Bethel Seminary in Minnesota.

Rev. Samuel E. Vansiea was previously married for seventeen years and has two beautiful children, Miracle and Samuel. He would like to return to Liberia in the future to serve the community.

**Ms. Judy Edvaline Ireland:** Who is Judy in a synopsis? First of all, Judy is a child of God and a woman of significant substance. In addition, she is a genetic composition of Judy E. Stryker and



Thomas K.Z. Ireland Jr. Judy was raised by my maternal grandparents Ret. Brig. Gen. Jehu T. Stryker Sr. and Rev. Amelia B. Cummings-Stryker in Monrovia, Liberia where she was born. Ms. Ireland has been blessed throughout her years to have also known her Late Great-grandmother Ellen Ann Sandimanie and her paternal grandmother the Late Nettie Davis as well.

Judy's formative years in school in Liberia entailed attendance of Freda Bounds, Bright Functional Elementary Schools and Mildred Dean Elementary School as well. She also attended Junior High at St. Theresa Convent, Cathedral and partial High School at CWA. In addition, she attended partial Elementary and High School in Queens, NY as well. Judy return permanently to live in the United States when she was in 11<sup>th</sup> grade at the age of 16 yrs old with my mother and graduated from High School in Brooklyn, NY in 1990.

Judy has been a Registered Nurse since 1997. She holds a MS Degree in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing from State University of New York at Stony Brook in 12/09. Judy graduated with a 3.7 GPA and she was inducted into Kappa Gamma Chapter at Stony Brook in April of 2009. She also graduated from State University of New York in May of 1997 with a BS in Nursing with a minor in Health and Society and a BA in Social Sciences Interdisciplinary Studies with a minor in Child and Family Studies.

Ms. Ireland has received many academic and social awards throughout my undergraduate years and to name a few such as: Honor's College Member; Student Leadership Award for Community, Scholastic and Professional Achievement 1995; Health Sciences Student Association, Certificate of Excellence-Outstanding Undergraduate 1994 & 1995 etc. She also received my AS Degree in Pre-Nursing from Mary Holmes College which is in West Point, MS. During this time she graduated Salutatorian of the 1993 graduating class with a 3.89 GPA. In addition, she have met inclusion in the National Dean's List 15<sup>th</sup> edition of 1992&93; Who's Who Amongst America's Junior College Students 92&93; Talent Rooster Certificate of Achievement for Distinguished Academic Performance for two years College and Phi Theta Kappa etc.

Judy was previously married and has one daughter from that union who is eight years old and she is one of the highlights of my life. She has worked as a RN in both civilian and military setting. Judy worked as a First Lieutenant in the US Army as nurse stationed in Washington, DC at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for over two years.

She is a Gulf War Era Veteran. Some of the areas of nursing that she has worked in over my fourteen years of nursing are: psychiatric/medical day treatment centers, medical/surgical inpatient units,

medical ventilator units, school nursing, nurse case manager with a foster care agency and workers compensation.

Judy has also worked in nursing education and staff development in the military too. Currently, she is attending Hazelden Graduate School full-time in obtaining a Master of Arts in Addiction Counseling of which she has 13 credits left. Judy's ultimate goal is to own her own practice as a Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner specialized in Addiction Counseling and Mental Health once certification is obtained. In addition, she is also a court appointed Guardian Ad Litem for Ramsey County 2nd Judicial District. Lastly, her future goal is to work towards obtaining my Doctorate in Nursing Practice as well with God being my helper.

*Congratulations*

*and*

*Best Wishes*

*Love forever*

**“What God has joined together let no man put asunder” ... *Matthew 19:6***

