

Biographical Sketch ~ Professional and Ministry

Jonathan Shepherd, M.D. is an award-winning mental health professional. Named “Top Doctor” in the field of psychiatry, his comprehensive approach to wellness has made him a highly sought after and well-respected motivational speaker. Renowned for his caring and nurturing bedside manner, Dr. Shepherd has served and provided treatment for clients in a variety of areas including Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Mood Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders, and many more. His mission is to help all individuals obtain access to quality mental health services. A graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical School and Adult Psychiatry Program as well as the Johns Hopkins University Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship, Dr. Shepherd blends professionalism and compassion to create healthier communities. He is currently employed as the Chief Medical Director of Hope Health Systems, Inc., which has its headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Shepherd serves on numerous boards and participates in several organizations that impact and shape the programs for the mental well-being of persons in diverse settings and various communities. He was bestowed the honor of Fellow by the American Psychiatric Association in January 2020 and Distinguished Fellow by the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in July 2019 for representing excellence and his significant contributions to the field of psychiatry.

Elder Shepherd was ordained an Elder in the Church of God in Christ in 2003, by the late Bishop Samuel Steven McCarthy of the Fifth Illinois Jurisdiction. He has been a member of Portland Street, St. Luke, and Carter Memorial Church of God in Christ and served faithfully in numerous appointed positions at the local, jurisdictional, and international level. Elder Shepherd joined Set the Captive Free Outreach Center under the leadership of Pastor Linwood and Apostle Karen Bethea in October 2021 as he prepares for the higher calling God has placed within him. His goal is to leave an indelible imprint of God’s miraculous power with all those he encounters.

Elder Dr. Shepherd loves his family. He is a son, brother, uncle, godfather, friend, and giver. His motto is found in I Corinthians 15:58 (King James Version): “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”