Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Bishop Sedgwick Daniels

Overview of the Collection

Repository: The HistoryMakers® 1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616
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Creator: Bishop Sedgwick Daniels

Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Bishop Sedgwick Daniels,

Dates: November 28, 2007

Bulk Dates: 2007

Physical Description: 2 Betacam SP videocassettes (0:58:20).

Abstract: Bishop and pastor Bishop Sedgwick Daniels (1959 - ) is the pastor of Milwaukee’s Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God in Christ. He is a former City of Milwaukee Plan Commissioner and was the first protestant board member of the Catholic Central City Schools. As bishop, Daniels covered more than 105 Institutional Church Of God churches in Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Daniels was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on November 28, 2007, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.

Identification: A2007_333

Language: The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Bishop and pastor Sedgwick Daniels was born the second youngest of eight children on August 16, 1959 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to John and Kathleen Daniels. He became City of Milwaukee Plan Commissioner and the first Protestant board member of the Catholic Central City Schools. Daniels joined Antonio Riley and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority on several projects, assisting in developing a housing complex for seniors and developing Milwaukee home ownership.

In 2001, Daniels was elevated to the role of Bishop by Bishop Gilbert E. Patterson and the Church of God in Christ General Board. Daniels’ jurisdiction covered more than 105 Institutional Church of God churches in Wisconsin and northern Illinois. During Daniels’ tenure as Bishop, his own church, Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God in Christ, became a multi-million dollar operation that addressed both the educational and social service needs in the Milwaukee community.

In 2002, the Bush Administration began conferences for faith-based groups. President Bush and David Kuo, then-deputy director of the Office of Faith-Based Initiatives, visited Daniels’ Holy Redeemer Church. A political independent and close friend of Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., Daniels took a controversial stand two years later, endorsing George W. Bush primarily on the basis of his faith-based initiative. Daniels continues to serve as Pastor of Milwaukee’s Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God in Christ.

Bishop Sedgwick Daniels was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on November 28, 2007.
Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Bishop Sedgwick Daniels was conducted by Larry Crowe on November 28, 2007, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was recorded on 2 Betacam SP videocassettes. Bishop and pastor Bishop Sedgwick Daniels (1959 - ) is the pastor of Milwaukee’s Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God in Christ. He is a former City of Milwaukee Plan Commissioner and was the first protestant board member of the Catholic Central City Schools. As bishop, Daniels covered more than 105 Institutional Church Of God churches in Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

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Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Daniels, Sedgwick
Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)
Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Bishop Sedgwick Daniels--Interviews

African American bishops--Interviews
Organizations:

- HistoryMakers (Video oral history collection)
- The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection
- Church Of God In Christ

HistoryMakers® Category:

- ReligionMakers
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Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Preferred Citation


Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 8/15/2011 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage, November 28, 2007
Bishop Sedgwick Daniels discusses the origins of his first name, which came from a novel his mother read. Daniels talks about his family. He shares that he inherited characteristics from both his parents including being a hard worker. Daniels talks about his mother’s loving and caring nature. He explains that he inherited his discipline from his father. Daniels reveals his sickly nature as a child. Doctors dismissed his mother, stating there was not anything they could do for Daniels. He emphasizes the importance of religion in his family’s life and as a way of healing.

African American families--Wisconsin--Milwaukee
African Americans--Religion
Chronically ill children

Bishop Sedgwick Daniels discusses growing up in the north side of Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he was often the only black person in class. Daniels mentions his family of six boys and two girls. The boys all stayed in one room, though they lived in a rather large house. Daniels explains the importance of education and the value of doing things on your own. Daniels emphasizes the importance of religion. Daniels held many leadership opportunities, including choir director at Westside Church of God and Christ. Daniels talks about the death of his grandfather, T. Townsel, and father, John Wondom, just a year apart. He describes the time as difficult because they meant so much to him. Daniels attended 35th Street School, Addison Middle School and Cluster High School. His favorite subject was history. He recalls performing Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream” speech. Daniels explains his major motivation to succeed in school began with his grandmother, Inez Harrison Townsel.

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African Americans--Education (Elementary)
African Americans--Education (Secondary)