



## **Elwood Raphael Gray, Jr., D. Div.**

### **Served in Vietnam, 1964 - 1965**

Dr. Elwood Gray served in the U.S. Army at Fort Campbell, Kentucky in the 101st Airborne Division from 1962 until 1964. From September 13, 1964 to September 13, 1965, he served in Vietnam as a Specialist E-4. He is a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). He also serves as a Veteran member on the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs.

Born in Warsaw, Virginia and raised in Baltimore, Maryland where he attended Frances Ellen Harper Elementary, Carrollton Junior High, and Douglass Senior High School. He completed courses in Public Administration of Correctional Institutions at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Dr. Gray is also the editor of *"The Messenger"*, a newsletter published by the National Coalition of Prison Ministries. The zenith of his credentials includes a Doctor of Divinity and a Masters of Divinity from Howard University School of Divinity along with a Bachelor of Arts in History from Shaw University. Dr. Gray is the President and Founder of the National Coalition of Prison Ministries established in 1985. Prior to his tenure at Patuxent Institution as Administrative Chaplain, Dr. Gray was the chaplain for the District of Columbia Department of Corrections for twenty years.

Dr. Gray, is the retired pastor of Peace in the Valley Baptist Church, past President of the Black Ministers Conference of Montgomery County, Maryland, President of the National Coalition of Prison Ministries, and a member of the alumni at Howard University School of Divinity (HUD) where he has served as an instructor in the Continuing Education Department. He is presently a member of the Pre-Release and Reentry Services Advisory Committee under the Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation.

Dr. Gray currently resides in Silver Spring, Maryland with his wife and two daughters.