

Dr. Resia Thompson: A resourceful partner for women in public service, government



Toni Johnson

Toni Johnson vying for Hinds County Election Commission

JANS – Ms. Toni Nicole Johnson has announced her candidacy for Hinds County Election Commission District 2. Her vision for voters is “We Deserve Better”.

Johnson was born and raised in Jackson, MS and is the daughter of Mr. Willie and Dorothy Johnson. Toni is also the proud mother to one son, Joshua Lee.

A graduate of the Jackson Public School District, after high school, Toni obtained her undergraduate degree in Management and her Master’s in Public Policy and Administration from Belhaven University. By day Toni works for the Division of Student Affairs at Jackson State University under the presidency of Dr. Carolyn W. Meyers.

Johnson is the owner of Infinite Consulting, LLC which specializes in political and campaign consulting, along with public relations. Some of her most recent clients won election for mayor in Jackson and Canton; also, Hinds

County district attorney, Hinds County sheriff and a few state legislators.

Johnson is a dedicated women’s right advocate. She believes in equal pay and the need for more women to serve in public offices. She has also been involved locally in community organizing and engaging youth in the political process.

Toni is a member of Women for Progress of Mississippi, S.T.A.N.D (Sisters Taking Action Nurturing Decision Makers), Co-Chair of Public Policy for MS-AAUW (American Association of University Women) and is currently President of the JSU Chapter of AEOP (Association of Educated Office Professionals).

Toni attends Greater Pearl River M.B. Church under the leadership of Pastor Stephen Mason. Next to serving God and being a mother, the highlight of her life is empowering young women and improving the community around her.

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Dr. Resia Thompson leads Resia Thompson Ministry with the sole purpose of empowering people to fulfill their God-given destiny.

Resia Thompson Ministry admonishes parishioners: *If you’re ready to shift out of the mundane and into the miraculous you’re in the right place.*

Online ministry visitors can hear Dr. Thompson’s thunderous voice in audio clip proclaim:

“When an eagle makes its first flight it never meets another bird unless it’s another eagle. Look beside you and ask, “Are you an eagle?” Therefore if you keep running into penguins that means you are flying too low this morning...”

“I seek to win people to Christ,” Dr. Thompson declared. She is a woman of faith. “I am inspired to serve Jesus,” she said. She choice to serve. “Jesus didn’t just choose to serve, He came to serve. He makes a lifestyle of service possible,” she added.

She believes serving others is first a posture and then a practice. “I think true acts of service flow out of a lifestyle of humility and earnest value for others,” she proposed.

Galatians 2:20: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me,” is the principle upon which she lives.

Her lesson to young women is to live in a manner that positions them for success instead of regret. However, Dr. Thompson acknowledged that she has no regrets. “I



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encourage young women to maximize each season in life and actively pursue their God-given destiny by cultivating the gifts and graces with which they have been entrusted,” she noted. She encourages them to walk in purpose now instead of waiting until they are 50 years old.

Her life mission is to give God glory and to reveal His glory on earth. She professed, “I pray people remember Him if and when they think of me.”

She proposed that the best way to get youth involved in the political process is by example. “We cannot inspire them to be active in anything to which we are not committed,” she affirmed. She also maintained that youth should be taught the value and history of our community which raises awareness. It is important to educate children about issues that impact their community and that directly affect

them too.

The one thing she loves the most about her hometown is its people. However, as a spiritual leader in the City of Jackson, Dr. Thompson is concerned about finding solutions to five key issues: poverty, incarceration, illiteracy, teenage pregnancy, and obesity. Our church addresses these issues through various outreach programs such as vocational training, financial forums, prison ministries, tutorial services, ACT seminars, and youth ministry programs.

The ministry’s short-term goal is to make a lasting impact on the city and state by providing professional trainings, mentorships, as well as health and wellness programs. By the end of the year, the ministry will launch an international outreach agenda.

Her mother and grandmother were the two women who influenced her the most. “Their

work ethics shaped me in inexpressible ways and helped prepare me for the ministry. In reference to women who affected her life, she reflected on leaders such as Bishop Jacqueline McCullough. Thompson remarked, “Bishop McCullough, who has been spreading the Word for decades, has not only influenced my life, but has impacted generations of believers and nations of people.”

Thompson is a native of Jackson. She was the middle child of seven children who all grew up and attended school in their hometown. Today, she is the mother of five and proudly remarked that several of her children are college graduates and the others are enrolled in college.

She views education as a very important effort to pursue. “I believe education is the foundation to holistic advancement, both of persons, and of communities.” She operated a Christian school for 12 years, and advocates self-learning. Secondly, she is a health and wellness advocate. “I am convinced that caring for one’s physical body is one of our greatest demonstrations of stewardship,” she concluded.

It is Thompson’s view that leadership and vision are inseparable. “I define leadership as the capacity to conceive and articulate vision in a manner that empowers others to see, and thus, reorients their focus around purpose and fulfillment,” she determined.

The Jackson Advocate acknowledges the work of Dr. Resia Thompson and the vision Resia Thompson Ministry has declared through God’s hands for the greater Jackson, Mississippi, community.

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