



Dr. Rodney Coles Bio

Rev. Dr. Rodney Coles Sr. was born in New York City. As a youth, he faithfully served in various ministries at his home church, St. Luke Baptist Church. In 2000, he answered the call to Christian ministry and graduated from New York Theological Seminary that June.

Committed to strengthening his ministry, Dr. Coles continued his theological development by attending the Disciple Class at St. Luke Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. J.G. McCann Sr. (A.A., B.A., M.Div., S.T.M., D.Min.).

In 2006, Dr. Coles relocated to North Carolina, where God called him to begin his own ministry. In January 2007, he founded The Children of God in Christ Church in Greenville, NC. His mission has always remained centered on building God's Kingdom, God's community, and God's people.

Later in 2007, Dr. Coles received a vision to reach individuals in the community who were not connected to the body of Christ. From that vision, Churches Outreach Network was birthed. This ministry provides community referrals, resources, assistance, and hope—especially to those who do not attend church or have not yet accepted Christ. Dr. Coles believes that while many inside the church are already saved or on the path to salvation, there is a great need to reach those beyond the church walls.

Through Churches Outreach Network, Dr. Coles brings together pastors, ministers, community leaders, and local businesses to serve as one united network—ministering the Word of God, fellowshiping, and meeting the needs of the community. The organization is a public nonprofit 501(c)(3).

From this ministry, numerous initiatives have emerged, including:

- **The Interfaith Clergy**, where pastors, ministers, and community leaders meet monthly to address community needs
- **The Community Action Committee**, partnering with law enforcement and faith-based organizations to strengthen relationships and promote positive change
- **Community Feeding Our Children**, providing 3,000 food boxes to children
- **Crossing the Bridge**, supporting child abuse prevention
- **Youth Business Program**, empowering young entrepreneurs
- **Fatherhood Program**, strengthening men and families
- **Reentry Program**, supporting individuals returning to the community
- **ENC Clergy Resources Hub**, equipping churches with resources such as program development, computers, grants, training, and assistance in obtaining 501(c)(3) status

Rev. Dr. Coles continues to serve with passion, vision, and a heart for restoring communities through faith, service, and unity.