



REVEREND BAKEEBA AYINDE Rev. Bakeeba's life journey began in Kalamazoo, MI, by way of his parents, Roosevelt "Lacooda" Clark and Barbara Akilah Hampton. Bakeeba's mother Mama Akilah, heard the calling of the Lord on her life at an early age. That journey eventually led her to join the Pan-African Orthodox Christian Church's, Shrine 7, in Kalamazoo, MI. Mama Akilah joined the church with Bakeeba's older Sister Furaha, younger brother Poopha and Bakeeba, who was four years old. Upon

joining, Bakeeba participated in the youth programs and Summer camps of the church, in Kalamazoo, MI, Detroit, MI and Houston, TX.

Rev. Bakeeba lost his dear mother, Mama Akilah at an early age. Before his mother's passing, she instilled in him a love of God, family, music, and his people. Due to the fact that Bakeeba was surrounded by love on all sides, he was blessed with the love of his mom Rev. Ada and sister, Kahina. After his beloved mother's passing, Bakeeba continued to grow in his love for God and his people.

At the age of 18, Rev. Bakeeba became instrumental as a leader within the Central Region, serving as Group Leader, Kitchen Coordinator and Choir Director. Under the tutelage, of our Founder and First Holy Patriarch, Jaramogi Abebe Agyeman, he was given his most valued assignment as Youth Coordinator at Shrine #1, in Detroit, MI. His success and commitment, manifested by way of Rev. Bakeeba being ordained into the Ministry of the PAOCC at the age of 22.

Rev. Bakeeba, currently serves as the National Youth Director for the Shrines of the Black Madonna of the Pan-African Orthodox Christian Church. In this role, he is charged with connecting the PAOCC with future generations and correcting the demographics of this generation through consciousness-raising, by establishing Consciousness schools that operate in all shrines, hosting month long camp experiences that culminate with a rites of passage, that inducts participants into the lifelong Alkebulan Fellowship, and developing the structure of the Alkebulan Alumni Association, a 501-c3, non-profit organization that sponsors, organizes and coordinates programs to advance the agenda of attaining self-determination for Black people, by providing a support system for its members.

Rev. Bakeeba attends Ashford University, in a dual degree program in Organizational Management, with a concentration in Leadership, to be completed by May 2020. He is also a student training in the systems of Indigenous African Spirituality. He serves as co-facilitator with the ARC community, teaching a class – "Youth Rooted in Tradition", which facilitates the process of our youth remembering who they are, understanding their purpose and understanding the role their ancestors play in helping them to navigate through life and fulfil the purpose, to which they came into this life time to fulfill. He's a Youth counselor, a mentor, and a gifted facilitator and a man on purpose!

Rev. Bakeeba has three daughters, Kinaya, Andaiye and Aliya, whom he loves and cherishes, and a host of god children that he pours into and inspires to be who they have been called in this world to be! His favorite passage, "To be with life as it is, and not how we think it should be" is how he lives his life, and how he stays true to his calling and purpose!