# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers ® Video Oral History with Reverend Nicholas Hood III

## Overview of the Collection

**Repository:** The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616

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Creator: Hood, Nicholas, 1951-

Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Nicholas Hood III,

Dates: October 19, 2017

Bulk Dates: 2017

**Physical Description:** 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:38:13).

**Abstract:** Religious leader Reverend Nicholas Hood III (1951-) was senior minister of the

Plymouth Church of Christ in Detroit, Michigan, following in the footsteps of his father Reverend Dr. Nicholas Hood, Sr. Hood was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on October 19, 2017, in Detroit, Michigan. This collection is comprised of the original

video footage of the interview.

**Identification:** A2017 195

**Language:** The interview and records are in English.

## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Religious Leader Reverend Nicholas Hood III was born on October 25, 1951 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Reverend Dr. Nicholas Hood Sr. and Dr. Elizabeth F. Hood. He graduated from Cass Technical High School in Detroit, Michigan in 1969 and earned his B.A. degree in economics from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan in 1973. In 1976, Hood earned his M.Div. degree from Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut and was ordained as a minister.

Hood began working under the direction of his father as an assistant associate minister at Plymouth United Church of Christ in Detroit. Hood became senior minister of Plymouth UCC. Hood, a former member of the NAACP board of directors, was elected to serve on the Detroit City Council in 1993. He was re-elected in 1997, but stepped down in 2001 in order to run his mayoral campaign. During his tenure at Plymouth UCC, Hood led mission trips to Liberia and Ethiopia. He also worked to combat homelessness in Detroit, with a homeless shelter program at Plymouth UCC. Hood also worked to provide new computers to inner city youth, and started a scholarship program for aspiring college students. Hood also appeared on local radio programs as a political commentator. In 2015, he published his book *The Test, The Strength, The Endurance, and the Way Out*.

Over the last three decades, Hood served as president of the Booker T. Washington Business Association, president of the Plymouth Non-Profit Housing Corporation, and President and Chairman of the Plymouth Day School. He is a trustee of the Children's Hospital of Michigan, on the board of directors of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and a trustee of McCormick Theological Seminary. He also served as co-chair of the Young Adult Committee of the Detroit Chapter NAACP, secretary for the Yale Divinity School Board of Alumnal Affairs, and chairman of the Amistad Slave Ship Visit to Detroit in 2002. In 2009, he received an honorary doctorate degree in ministry from Olivet College in Olivet, Michigan.

Hood and his wife, The Honorable Denise Page Hood, have two children, Nathan and Noah.

Reverend Nicholas Hood III was interviewed by *TheHistoryMakers* on October 19, 2017.

# **Scope and Content**

This life oral history interview with Reverend Nicholas Hood III was conducted by Larry Crowe on October 19, 2017, in Detroit, Michigan, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Religious leader Reverend Nicholas Hood III (1951-) was senior minister of the Plymouth Church of Christ in Detroit, Michigan, following in the footsteps of his father Reverend Dr. Nicholas Hood, Sr.

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#### **Restrictions on Access**

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### **Related Material**

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

## **Controlled Access Terms**

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

#### Persons:

Hood, Nicholas, 1951-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews Hood, Nicholas, 1951- --Interviews

# **Organizations:**

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

## Occupations:

Religious Leader

# HistoryMakers® Category:

ReligionMakers

#### Administrative Information

## **Custodial History**

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

#### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Processing Information**

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 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**

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Nicholas Hood III, Section A2017\_195\_001\_001,

TRT: 1:28:03?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Nicholas Hood III, Section A2017\_195\_001\_002,

TRT: 2:36:58?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Nicholas Hood III, Section A2017\_195\_001\_003,

TRT: 3:27:47?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Nicholas Hood III, Section A2017\_195\_001\_004, TRT: 4:31:03?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Nicholas Hood III, Section A2017\_195\_001\_005, TRT: 5:32:04?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Nicholas Hood III, Section A2017\_195\_001\_006, TRT: 6:30:51?

Video Oral History Interview with Reverend Nicholas Hood III, Section A2017\_195\_001\_007, TRT: 7:31:27?