

## What is The Master's Touch?

The Master's Touch is a service ministry of pastoral care provided by both clergy and laity that provides support to people that are elderly, sick, shut-in or otherwise incapacitated. The people served are those who are hospitalized, in nursing homes, or otherwise confined to their own places of residence, and are unable to attend and actively participate in the life of our church.

The purpose of this ministry is to provide the sick and shut-in with a tangible experience of the care and concern of their faith community, while preserving their dignity in their present state.

The service provides them with the opportunity to stay connected to their faith community through active prayer, the ministry of presence, and Holy Communion.



# Will I ever be myself again?

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins he will be forgiven."

James 5:13-15

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A ministry of pastoral care to the elderly, to the sick, to the shut-in, and to the homebound



## No One Should Feel Alone





Mt. Vernon, New York

**Rev. Dr. Hugh B. Marriott** *Pastor* 

> **Rev. Neftalie Danier** *Ministry Facilitator*



For I was sick...I was alone...and you visited me. When you did it to these...you were doing it to me!

#### **MEMBER SERVICES**

Qualified members of this ministry are empowered to serve the pre-consecrated Holy Communion to those who are sick or unable to attend regular worship services. They make routine visits to people who are homebound, in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, rehab centers, and hospitals.

This is a very uplifting ministry that spiritually enriches the lives of those who are visited while spiritually maturing the volunteers who serve.

## MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

To serve in this ministry, we ask that prospective volunteers:

- Be believers in Jesus Christ
- Be members of the Allen Temple AME Church
- Have a passion and desire to visit and pray
- Be willing and able to follow a regular schedule
- Be willing to be trained in our ministry workshops
- Be willing to submit to a background check
- Be flexible

### **MEMBER QUALITIES**

Volunteers for this ministry should have the following characteristics:

- Compassion
- Confidentiality
- Prayerfulness
- Listener
- Patience
- Empathy
- Common Sense
- Openness
- Understanding
- Unselfishness

## Q&A

## Who Can Receive Visits?

Any member of the Allen Temple AME Church who is in need of pastoral care can receive visits. While this ministry is reserved for members of our church, allowance can be made for the immediate family of members that actively participate in the life of our church to receive visitations.

On specific occasions, and as a form of outreach, we will visit select nursing homes in our area to provide support and offer our services.

## How Often Are The Visits?

Persons are visited at least once per month, or as often as is necessary based on the need.

## Do Persons Have To Be Christians To Be Visited?

Our ministry offers spiritual and emotional support to all persons irrespective of their faith tradition. We assist in connecting with beliefs and values that offer comfort and strength to families in need.

#### How Do We Get This Service?

There are three ways to contact us...

Call: (914) 699-3932

eMail: Admin@AllenTempleAMEC.com

*Visit:* **AllenTempleAMEC.com** and complete the "contact us" form.