

JoANN SIMMONS, VICE PRESIDENT

JoAnn Simmons was born and reared in Logon, West Virginia. She relocated to New York after graduation from High School. She began her twenty-year career at Times Square Department Stores in Hempstead, New York, as an Office Manager. Mrs. Simmons continued in the field of business at the Dime Savings Bank in the Mortgage Payoff Department. Presently Mrs. Simmons is employed as Office Administrator at the Antioch Baptist Church of Hempstead

Mrs. Simmons is a faithful member of the Antioch Baptist Church of Hempstead, Pastored by the Rev. Dr. Phillip E. Elliott. Currently she serves as a Trustee, President of the Ushers Ministry and formerly Financial Secretary of the Church. In June 2007 JoAnn was elected to serve on the Board of Education of the Hempstead School District. Presently, she is serving as Vice President of the School Board.

She is an extremely active member of the Eastern Baptist Association, the Empire Baptist Missionary State Convention, and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. As a member of the Eastern Baptist Association she currently serves as President of the Ushers Auxiliary. She has also held positions as Recording Secretary and Vice President. On the State level she is President Emeritus of The Empire Baptist Missionary Convention Ushers and Nurses Auxiliary. In November 2005 she chaired the 1998 Empire Baptist Missionary Convention Annual Session which was hosted at her Home Church "Antioch."

Mrs. Simmons, is an active School Board Member, she takes on her responsibility with the utmost enthusiasm. She visits her assigned schools not once but often to ensure that the conditions are conducive to learning and teaching. She has a soft manner, but a stern determination that all students attending the Hempstead School District will receive a fair opportunity to learn, grow and participate in the many program offerings that the district provides. She serves with the Audit Committee to oversee that the expenditures of the district are being allocated properly. She is conscientious, as she takes on the issues of all the students in the same and fashion that she does for her own grandchildren. In her eyesight, they are all hers, to love, nurture and to ensure that they have a positive future.

JoAnn is happily married to her high school sweetheart, Tyrone (48 Years). They have two sons, and four grandchildren.

JoAnn strongly believes that ***"If she can help somebody along the way then her living shall not be in vain."***