## **EDUCATION:**

Master of Arts in Music and Worship from Liberty

Bachelor of Arts in Ministerial Studies from EPIC Bible College (formerly Trinity Life Bible College—CA)

Honorary Doctorate of Ministry Saint Thomas Christian College and Seminary (Jacksonville, Florida)

Dr. Ellington W. Porter Bio

Dr. Ellington W. Porter is a great Professor, Producer, Pastor, Author, Husband and Father.

Ellington Porter was born and raised in Saint Paul, Minnesota to Dr. Robert Porter and Lady Hazel Porter on August 17, 1973. He is a pastor's kid and considers the church to be his music conservatory. From the age of 12, he served his father as the lead musician for his church, Shiloh Baptist Church, taking music lessons from Ronald Porter and Rev. Carl Walker in the concentration of piano.

When his father was called to move to California as Pastor, Ellington then age 15, moved and served on staff there learning from the Gospel great Clarence Eggleston.

In 1990, Dr. Robert Porter and his Wife Hazel started the Genesis Church, and in 1995 the helm of Minister of Music and Music Director were taken by his sons Tecoy and Ellington where they produced the churches first choir project, "Dr. Robert porter and the Genesis Choir."

In 1999, after the untimely death pf their father, Ellington and his brother were voted in as Co-Senior Pastors.

Dr. Ellington Porter served in the Pastoral Ministry for 19+ years as the Sr. Pastor of the Genesis Church Sacramento, California, where he Co-Pastored alongside his brother Dr. Tecoy Porter, who continues to serve as pastor.

Ellington who is the proud husband of Tiwana Porter for 25 years and father of Ej Porter, loves having the ministry of family and loves to serve together in music and ministry.

Dr. Porter has served as an Adjunct Professor of Music at Epic Bible College and Graduate School In Sacramento, CA, and is now located in Minneapolis, Minnesota where he serves as The Director of Worship Arts /Associate Professor at North Central University. Here he has the opportunity to help shape and train future worship pastors, worship leaders, and musicians to be

equipped to serve and navigate the ever-changing atmosphere of worship in the modern church.

As a musician, Ellington has produced and served as music director on various recording projects, events, and gatherings throughout the country. He has worked closely with and played for many Gospel greats such as Edwin and Walter Hawkins, DJ Rogers, James "Big Jimmie" Wright, Juanita Bynum, Bslade, Valerie Boyd, Kelontae Gavin, Ruth La'Ontra, Beverly Crawford, Billy Steele, Darnell Davis, and Michael Bereal to name a few.

Along with his brother Dr. Tecoy Porter, Ellington has produced many recordings under the umbrella of Markee-Wes Productions, of which the latest "The Porter Brothers & Genesis Together" and "The Porter Brothers presents The GenesisYouth Explosion Choir" has received raving reviews across the country.

They have also been featured during the Verizon Wireless How Sweet the Sound Choir Competition in 2011 & 2012.

As an artist, songwriter, producer and author, Dr. E Porter has released a Jazz inspirational project entitled "Meditations vol. 1: Think On These Things, with an accompanying devotional book.

Dr. Porter serves on various boards and coordinates events for various organizations. He served as Music Director for the George Floyd Funeral Minneapolis, Minnesota, was Music Director for the March on Washington 2020, sits on the Board for the Sacramento MLK Jr. Celebration Committee, and served on Ecclesiastical board of the Music and Arts Love Fellowship Conference founded by Minister Edwin Hawkins and the late Bishop Walter Hawkins.

Most recently served as worship consultant at Cedar Valley Church of Bloomington, Mn, and Currently on Music Staff at Fellowship Baptist Church Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dr. Porter has been an ordained Pastor for 23 years, and a gospel minister for 25 years. Dr. Porter was ordained in ministry by his father the late Dr. Robert Porter and was also ordained as a pastor of Bishop T. D. Jakes' Potter's House International Pastoral Alliance (PHIPA). Dr. E. Porter is known for his humorous, powerful, prophetic, and energetic yet reality-based style of preaching. He is an effective communicator reaching the hearts of worshipers both young and old and has had the opportunity to preach across the globe effecting change in the lives of many.