

Reverend Alton B. Dillard, Sr. is the Presiding Elder of the “Awesome” West Virginia and Pittsburgh Districts of the “Great” Pittsburgh-West Virginia Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He has pastored for 25 years, all in the Wild, Wonderful State of West Virginia.

He was born and raised in the amazing town of Boomer, West Virginia to the late James H. Dillard and Ruby Dillard and is the youngest of six children. Rev. Dillard is the father to two awesome children: Krystina R. Dillard and Alton B. “A.J.” Dillard, Jr. He is the grandfather, “Pop Pop,” to an awesome six year young man, Grayson, “Big G” Dillard. Rev. Dillard was educated in Fayette County, West Virginia. He has an Associate Degree in Banking and Finance from West Virginia Career College and Pharmacy Technician Certification from BridgeValley Community College.

In addition to his role as Presiding Elder, Rev. Dillard also serves as the Senior Squad Leader for the West Virginia Military Authority/Mountaineer Challenge Academy South and as a Chaplain in the West Virginia Division of Corrections system. He is retired from the Columbia Gas Pipeline Group after 30 years of service.

Presiding Elder Alton B. Dillard is a board member of the West Virginia Council of Churches and represents the African Methodist Episcopal Church on WV VOAD. He is active in his community through his membership on the Charleston Black Ministerial Alliance and NAACP of the Charleston Branch. Rev. Dillard also serves on South Charleston Youth Sports League Board; is active with AAI Basketball; and is a Basketball Official of the Southern Board, WVSSAC.

Alton B. Dillard stands on Jeremiah 29:11: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,” saith the Lord, “thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you an expended end.”