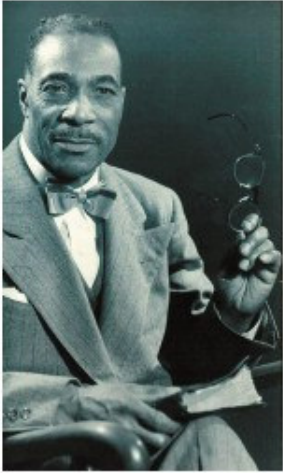


Bishop Samuel N. Hancock
Founder of the PCAF
Presided 1957 - 1963



Bishop Samuel Nathan Hancock was born in 1883 in Adair, Kentucky. He was baptized in Jesus name and received the Holy Ghost in 1912 , under the ministry of Bishop Garfield Thomas Haywood in Indianapolis Indiana.

Bishop Hancock was called to the ministry in 1914. In 1917 he was ordained and he served as Assistant Pastor at Bishop Haywood at Apostolic Faith Assembly, located at the corner of Eleventh and Senate Street in Indianapolis. From there he moved to Detroit, Michigan and became the Pastor of a small mission that had been under the supervision of Elder Levi Miles. Under Bishop Hancock's leadership, the Greater Bethlehem Temple Church grew to a membership of more than 3,000 parishioners.

Elder Samuel Hancock was elevated to the Bishopric of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World in 1927. He was the Diocesan Bishop over the states of Illinois, Nebraska, Wyoming and Iowa. He served in this capacity until 1931, after which he became one of the leaders who consummated the merger into the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ.

In 1957, Bishop Hancock and the Bishop Willie Lee, who at the time was Pastor of Christ Temple Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, left the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World. Together, along with other ministers, they organized the Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith. Bishop Hancock served as the presiding of the organization until demise in 1963.

Many miracles , signs and wonders were witnessed during Bishop Hancock's fearless, faith-filled 42 years of divine leadership.

Bishop Hancock beseeched us through all his endeavors, his message and demonstrations by his own life to be saved and to walk circumspectly before God in love.

