

**Rev. C. L. Hammonds, Jr.  
Preacher, Poet & World War II Veteran**

Rev C. L. Hammonds, Jr. is the son of a Pentecostal preacher and raised in a family of 7 siblings. His experience was shaped by his being raised in the Depression Era and his experience in World War II as a teenager.

He has been in ministry for 62 years and pastored churches in Newark, and Wilmington, DE and in San Jose, CA. He has been one of the preeminent Bible teaches in the Pentecostal ministry and particularly the Church of God in Christ. He has been the Dean of C.H. Mason Bible College, and over his life time has organized four Bible schools. His first one being in India right after being called to the ministry in February 1944.

The major emphasis in his teaching is to get the student into realization of who God is in their lives and what the Holy Spirit's job is to them in today's challenging times.

His favorite Bible verse Psalm 51:10, *Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*

His books include: *Daniel Man and Prophet; Inspiration in General; Spending God; My Decades of Endurance and Survival.* (An autobiography of the formative years of his life. It is now prepared for publishing in 2007.) He also has written several story fiction books.

**Pentecostal Ministry – A Personal Footnote:  
Three generations of preachers/teachers embody the Spirit of the Living Word since 1922**

As I wrote the bio of Dad, I realized that between me, Dad and my Grandfather we have proudly been in ministry for a combined total of 85 year!

My Grandfather was born in 1899 and my Dad in 1925. I just want to give a "shout out" to *grandpop* and say that I am proud to be part of this chain of ministry excellence.

I am glad to be a living testament to what the Lord is doing now through me with the foundations of the past. My ministry and ministerial roots run deep through my Dad and Grandfather. Praise God for the privilege and honor to serve him generationally. So many are speaking of the generational curses, I am glad to speak of the generational blessings.

**THE POET**

During the last 20 years, he has expanded in his calling as a writer to be a prolific poet, having now written over 700 poems.

Click here to read the Award Winning writing, A POST WAR TRAGEDY – TINIAN 1945. It is only four pages long, but the true war story is gripping and shows even in the tragedy the providence of God. Without this Hand of God in the midst of tragedy, I would not exist today and neither would years of service to Christ by my Dad and me. (Total combined years of service for both of us – 100 years!)

*(This story won Honorable Mention (Third Place Award) by The California Writers Club 2006, South Bay Branch)*

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(Rev. C. L. Hammonds, Jr.)**

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## **MOST PROUD OF**

**When asked about the in his life of which he is most proud he says,**

“Of course, marrying Evelyn and next my graduating from San Jose State University. *Whatever I am* in life, I owe it to first, God above and my family. My wife was the first to tell me, after we were married, to get my High School Diploma, I did. Later my son, Kenneth was in my corner to get my associate degree. Then my wife, my son and my daughter all pitched in to see to it that I should get my BA, I did, Thanks family.”

He would love to hear from you

Dad would love to hear from those of you who have been blessed or inspired by reading some of the poetry or the *Tinian Tragedy*.

You can reach him at Poet\_CLH@yahoo.com.

## **PERSONAL NOTES**

He has the following degrees AA, BA. BCE. MCE (Bachelor and Master of Christian Education)

**His favorite ancient theologian and/or philosopher:**

Thomas Hobbes. He says, “Although his father was a wayward vicar, Hobbes rose to become what his father was never. Here is a quote from A Dictionary of Philosophy, I like this *“Like Descartes, Hobbes believed that the secret of success was to find and use the right method”*

**His favorite modern theologians:**

He says, “If I could pick only one modern theologian I would choose one who is not with us George Montgomery Boice, also Francis Shaffer also not with us. But today I choose Dr. Ravi Zecharias, he is very good.”

**He remains very active today in his eighties serving:**

As a Elder and Christian Education teacher at Bethel Assembly of God Church, in San Jose

As president of Wells Fargo Board of retirees in San Jose.

As Historian for the California Writers Club,

As Chaplain for RCIA (?)

## **MORE ON MY DECADES OF ENDURANCE AND SURVIVAL**

Being shaped by his Christian upbringing and the experience of WWII lead Rev Hammonds to share with the world his “Decades of Survival”

He says, My main purpose for writing "MY DECADES" goes back to the forties when I called this writing by this: **"FROM TEENAGER TO ADULT WITH GOD"** This was the first title I used, because I wanted to let the world know that a teenager can live a Christ like life while in the service of our country.

Chapters of the book

1. In the Beginning . . . (Raleigh, North Carolina, 1925)
2. My Growing Years (Baltimore, Maryland in the 1930s)
3. I'm Still Growing Up and a World War Begins (York, Pennsylvania)
4. Greetings from My Uncle Sam
5. Christmas on Foreign Soil: Florida
6. California Here I Come!
7. India through the Eyes of a Foreigner (1944): Really Foreign Soil
8. Four Indian Villages: A Surprise for a Christian Young Man
9. Trouble in Our Home Camp
10. India, Good bye
11. Tinian, The Surrender and The Final Goodbye (1945)
12. Home at Last! (1946)
13. 1947, '48 and '49 The Turning Point Years
14. Post War Adjustments (1950's)
15. Because of This or That

Enjoy the Poetry and Your Life,

**Dr. Kenneth Hammonds,**

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May God Richly Bless You and Yours