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ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH ELECTS DR. JACQUELINE A. THOMPSON AS SENIOR PASTOR

OAKLAND, CA April 7, 2019: At a special Congregational meeting on Sunday, April 7, 2019, the Allen Temple Baptist Church made history by voting to elect Dr. Jacqueline A. Thompson as its' new Senior Pastor – the ninth Senior Pastor and the first woman to ever serve in this capacity in the 100 year history of this pioneering congregation.

Pastor Thompson, a native of the Bay Area, first joined the Allen Temple Baptist Church at the age of twelve and was an active member and leader across multiple ministries. In March of 1995, Dr. Thompson accepted her call to ministry and was subsequently licensed to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in July of 1995 and ordained to the ministry in October of 1998 by Reverend Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr., Pastor Emeritus of the Allen Temple Baptist Church. Her educational accomplishments include a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California Berkeley, Masters of Divinity with honors from Howard University, and a Doctor of Ministry in African American Church Leadership from Fuller Theological Seminary.

In March 2010, Dr. Thompson was installed as Allen Temple's Assistant Pastor; the first woman to serve in that capacity. Previously, she served as the Minister of Community Outreach/Executive Director of the Henry C. Gregory Family Life Center Foundation at the Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, DC and the Minister of Youth at Shiloh Baptist Church of Washington, DC.

Pastor Thompson is a highly sought preacher and speaker, having preached, taught and developed firm relationships across denominational lines as well as in mainstream civic and political organizations across the United States and the Caribbean. She has had the privilege of preaching in many arenas previously uncharted by women.

For media inquiries, please contact Reverend Charlotte Williams, Director of Communications, at (510) 604-5242 or cwilliams@allen-temple.org. For more information about Dr. Thompson as well as Allen Temple and its' almost 100 ministries, visit Allen-Temple.org.

Allen Temple Baptist Church was organized in 1919 in Oakland. For 100 years, Allen Temple has served as a bright beacon of faith, hope, and love beyond its' four walls. Allen Temple is committed to sharing the love of God and the message of Good News throughout the world. We welcome people of all ages and cultural backgrounds as we joyfully celebrate worship and fellowship, and carry out ministries of evangelism, discipleship, education, community outreach, and global missions. Allen Temple's holistic, prophetic and social justice ministries address the needs of the whole person as well as the whole community. Dr. Jacqueline A. Thompson is Senior Pastor Elect, and Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr. is Pastor Emeritus

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