



Bahati Babatu Osayimwese (Kevin D. Johnson) was born in Houston, Texas. His distinguished career in higher learning began at Texas A & M University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He went on to earn his Master Degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Texas in 1987. His career studies include a Master of Science in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from California Southern University, Master of Arts in Sociology from University of Houston-Clear Lake, Graduate Certificates in African American Studies & Women's Studies UH, as well as Graduate Certification in Mediation.

His professional career began as an Petroleum Engineer for Mobil in 1987. He has also worked as Project Engineer, Technical Support Engineer, and Project Manager leading a multidiscipline team of engineers and designers to provide information as it relates to pipeline, refineries and chemical plants.

Bahati has received numerous honors and recognition from national honor societies such as, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Kappa, Pi Tau Sigma Delta (Mechanical Engineering) and most recently, Ankh Maat Wedjau African American Studies Honor Society. He has been listed in Who's Who Among American College and University Students and was the recipient of Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering Fellowship.

Brother Bahati while advancing professionally and academically made the smartest move when he married his wife Linda (Rantz) Johnson in 1988 and together they have raised two amazing men Matthew and Michael.

Brother Bahati first came to the Shrine in January, 2003. By February, he made the commitment to join. Throughout his time in the church he has been an advocate and liaison between our Church working through the Shrine Cultural Center, and the International African Community Bahati is a "connector" within the African Diaspora. He has worked with the Nigerian Student Association, the Caribbean Community including the Dominica Houston Association. He has also worked with the West African Film Festival and is a member of the Native American Chamber of Commerce. His influence and participation to connect the various cultures of People of Color has enlightened and uplifted our not only our church, but our entire metropolitan Houston community.