

**Biographical Sketch**

**for**

**The Reverend J. Elvin Sadler, D.Min.**

The youngest of five children to Mr. & Mrs. Edward D. Sadler, Sr., and a native of Gastonia, North Carolina, Dr. Sadler received his secondary education from the Gaston County School System. Attended Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina, receiving the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree, majoring in General Management. Dr. Sadler completed the requirements for the Certificate of Church Management, Executive M.B.A. Program, Babcock Graduate School of Management, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He received the Master of Divinity degree from Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, North Carolina, culminating his educational matriculation receiving the degree of Doctor of Ministry, from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University, Richmond Virginia focusing in areas of Organizational Development and Strategic Planning.

Dr. Sadler’s professional experience covers both the corporate and religious fields, having served in the corporate sector with both RJR Nabisco and the Procter & Gamble Distributing Companies, where he managed resources and accounts in excess of $1,000,000.00. As an ordained elder in the A.M.E. Zion Church, his religious experience covers over 35 years, serving both as an A.M.E. Zion Pastor for 32 years and Presiding Elder, overseeing 17 churches.

Dr. Sadler also served as the Chairman of the Central Carolinas Collective Banking Group, which consists of 40 churches with over 35,000 members and $150,000,000.00 in annual revenue. He currently serves on the national board of the Collective Empowerment Group.

Dr. Sadler is the Founder, CEO and Principal Consultant of G.A.M.E. Executive International Ministry Consultants, Inc., a ministry of consultation, focusing in the areas of organizational, leadership and strategic development, where he has traveled to churches throughout the United States and the world, providing consultation and training. He has also served as the Chief Consultant for para-church ministries and reformation movements throughout the country and around the world ranging from 100 to over 10,000 members. He also serves as a faculty mentor for leadership development and organization dynamics and served as senior mentor for the 50+ mentors in the doctoral program of United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Sadler has served on a number of community boards and organizations, including the African American Leadership Initiative, United Way of the Central Carolinas, Inc., the Arts & Sciences Council of Gaston County, Chairman, Central Carolinas Collective Banking Group, Inc, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Human Relations Commission, MLK, Jr. Steering Committee, The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and as a Past Board Member of the Western Carolina University National Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Known as a keen strategist, Dr. Sadler served as religious advisor for the 2008 & 2012 Obama for America campaigns for the state of North Carolina and the Hillary Clinton Campaign in 2016. He also served as a religious advisor and surrogate for Roy Cooper for Governor and was selected to serve on the Cooper Gubernatorial Transition Team.

Dr. Sadler was elected by the 50th Quadrennial Session of the General Conference of The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church to serve as it’s General Secretary-Auditor, whose office serves as the official repository for Records, Research, Doctrine and Polity for the denomination.

He is married to the former Stefanie Pitts and is the proud father of four daughters and one son; Leslyn, Moncrecia, Courtney, Kiersten and Denmar and the proud grandfather of three boys (JiShun, Rhylan and Carter) and one girl (Olivia). He and his wife reside in Matthews, North Carolina.