



Christian Bible Institute & Seminary
Office of the President

August 30, 2015

Ford & Associates, LLC
ATTN: Roderick O. Ford, J.D.
220 East Madison Street
Suite 1205
Tampa, Florida 33602

RE: Nomination and appointment to the title Doctor of Divinity *Honoris Causa*

Dear Mr. Ford:

We are pleased to inform you that you have been nominated to the title of Doctor of Divinity *honoris causa*. Congratulations on your appointment!

This is a prestigious honorary degree which the Christian Bible Institute & Seminary reserves for a limited number of senior clergy and distinguished laity who have made a significant contribution to the Church and to the community.

Specifically, our board has noted, as evidenced in the following citation, an above-average dedication and commitment that exemplifies the central message of Jesus Christ and the Church:

**Citation for title Doctor of Divinity *Honoris Causa*
for Attorney Roderick O. Ford:**

- * Lifelong commitment to various local African American churches and to the Wesleyan tradition of community service;
- * Military service in the United States Army;
- * Twenty years of law practice providing legal services to the poor and to communities of color;

- * Twenty years of human and civil rights advocacy, and founding the St. Luke's Inn of Court, a local bar association for Christian lawyers and judges;
- * Twenty years of service to the Church as both as a member of the laity and as an attorney for local churches;
- * Promoting the Gospel through the following Christian publications: *Jesus Master of Law: A Juridical Science of Christianity and the Law of Equity (2015)*; and *Bishop Edwards: A Gospel for African American Workers (2015)*.

Again, congratulations on your appointment!

Sincerely,



Dr. Tony Lewis

President and Founder