

PROFILE OF DR. HERMAN B. BROWNE
National Orator, Liberia's 170th Independence Anniversary

Dr. Herman B. Browne was born in Gbarnga, Bong County unto the union of Mrs. Clavender Railey Browne and the late Archbishop George D. Browne on March 11, 1965. He graduated from the St. Patrick's High School in 1982, and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology (Cum Laude) from Cuttington University College in 1986, he was ordained Deacon the following year in the Episcopal Church of Liberia and served as Assistant Director for Christian Education, Chaplain to Bromley Mission and Curate of Grace Church, Clay Ashland in 1987.

Dr. Browne, 51, acquired a Bachelor of Divinity (Honors) degree from Kings College, London in 1990 from the University of London. He also earned a Ph.D. in systematic theology from the University of London in 1994, becoming the first clergyman from the Episcopal Church of Liberia to earn a terminal degree in Theology.

He lectured for four years at the Simon of Cyrene Theological Institute in London (1990-94), and served simultaneously as Curate of the North Lambeth Parish, Kensington in South London, becoming the Dean of the Institute (1994) where he served for another two years, until he was appointed a Research Fellow of Yale University (USA) in 1996.

Dr. Browne was Chairman of the Liberian Community Organization in the United Kingdom (1995-6). In June 1997, he was priested in Canterbury Cathedral. For five years (1996 – 2001), he served as the Archbishop's Senior Advisor on Anglican Communion Affairs; and made Canon of Canterbury Cathedral, the first African (or non-westerner) to hold a position of such significance in the British aristocracy. That preferment landed him a permanent entry in 2005 into the International Directory of Who's Who. He returned home in January 2005.

Since his return, from 2005 to 2008, Dr. Browne served as Vicar, Grace Episcopal Church, Clay Ashland and Vicar, Chapel of St. George, Caldwell. He also became Dean of the School of Theology at the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, Cuttington University; Vice President for Academic Affairs at the African Methodist Episcopal University from 2008 to 2010; and from 2010 to 2016, Dean of the Trinity Cathedral. He was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Liberia Petroleum Refining Company by President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf from 2012 to 2016.

He took over as President of Cuttington University in 2016 succeeding Dr. D. Evelyn Kandakai who acted for a year.

Dr. Browne has authored eight theological books: Theological Anthropology: A Dialectic Study of the Africa and Liberation Traditions; 50 Things Your Pastor Forgot to Tell You: about God, You and the Bible; Grasshoppers No Longer: critical essays in western cultural history, theology and philosophy; and A Theologian's Advice: how to avoid sincere, but misguided talk about God.

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