

GARNETT ROPER

For the last four decades, Garnett Roper has practiced as a minister of the Missionary Church in Jamaica. During this time Reverend Roper pastored congregations both in the dangerous inner city communities in Central Kingston and also in the emerging city of Portmore. Dr. Roper's career as a pastor coincided with public roles as volunteer chaplains for the Jamaica Constabulary Force and Chairman of the Board of Visitors for the Tower Street Adult Correctional Institution (a Maximum Security facility) roles he played for greater than 20 years. Other public duties include stints as Chairman of the premiere community development institution for Jamaica, the Social Development Commission, Chairman of the Jamaica Urban Transit Company (JUTC) and of the National Energy Solution Ltd.

Dr. Roper has had an extended role in the media serving as chairman of the now defunct Sunday Herald Newspaper, Talk Host on radio and television stations, Newspaper columnist. But by far is most enduring role in the media has been as preacher on the weekly Sunday morning radio programme the Grace Hour Broadcast, a role he has played for the last forty years. This is commemorated in Roper's latest publication *Thus Says the Lord: Responding to the Resurgence of Empire, Readings from the Minor Prophets and the Book of Daniel*. Other published works by Roper include but are not limited to his magnum opus, *Caribbean Theology as Public Theology* (2013) *This the Year of Jubilee* (2012) and *Who God Bless, NO Man Curse* (2016) and a host of works that he has co-authored and chapters in major works and journal articles.

Roper has an earned PhD in Public Theology from the University of Exeter in the UK and a Th.M from Westminster in Pennsylvania. He has been the President since 2009 of his alma mater Jamaica Theological Seminary from which he graduated with a Bachelors degree in Theology in 1978.