In Memoriam

Pastor Michael Laws

Pastor Michael Laws, also known as Nana Kwesi Bentum I, served as co-founder of Sankofa Vision Collective, Inc. Pastor Laws served on the Board of Directors and later served in the office of Vice President for the organization. Pastor Michael Laws was noted for his warm humor, wisdom and encouragement. But more importantly, Pastor Laws is remembered for his vision and commitment to the African Diaspora to return to their Ancestral homeland of Africa.

In ministry, Pastor Laws had a long interest in the Biblical Feasts of the Bible. He taught seminars concerning this message of Hebraic roots of the Christian faith in various churches, prisons and workshops throughout the United States, Europe and Africa. Pastor Laws encouraged his students to learn the Hebrew Language to empower them to read the original Hebrew texts for themselves. Pastor Laws received his D.D. in 1997 and later founded Sharath Ministries which was a teaching ministry focused on what he called the Hebrew roots of the Christian faith. He was called to Pastor Mashiach Temple of Ypsilanti, Michigan where he made significant discoveries of how the Hebrew/Eber language and culture were the missing link to why the Christians did not understand the Biblical Feasts.

In 2007 Michael and his wife Sandra founded Congregation Beit Ephraim which is a Hebraic oriented congregation that teach the Hebrew/Eber language and culture. Pastor Laws wrote two books, called the "Journey into the Biblical Feasts of YHWH and The Spring Feasts."

In September 2021, Pastor Michael Laws was enstooled as Nana Kwesi Bentum I, Safohen at Moree Village, Republic of Ghana. This honor was documented in Ghana at African-American installed Safohen at Moree | Ghana News Agency.

Pastor Michael B. Laws, a resident of Southfield, Michigan (USA), transitioned from this life on September 16, 2022, at the age of 72. Pastor Laws was the beloved husband of Sandra (co-founder of Sankofa) for 50 years. He was the loving father of Yusef and Christopher.