



**ELMONT TEMPLE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
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August 1, 2026

Dear Church Family,

It is with both joy and gratitude that we announce the upcoming retirement of our beloved **Pastor Stafford H. Byers**, effective October 31, 2026. After 44 years of faithful and distinguished service, Pastor Stafford H. Byers has prayerfully decided to step into a new season of life—one filled with rest, reflection and time with loved ones.

Throughout his ministry, Pastor Byers has been a steadfast shepherd, guiding many congregations with his wisdom, compassion, and unwavering faith. While we will deeply miss his leadership, we rejoice in the legacy he leaves behind—an unforgettable legacy of love, devotion to God, and faithful service to man. Pastor Byers has served as leader to nine congregations in the Northeastern Conference beginning in 1982 with Ephesus (Youth Pastor), Bethany, New Rochelle, First White Plains SDA, Corona, Brooklyn Temple, Bethesda, Peekskill-Cortlandt, and finally, Elmont. We thank God for the many souls led to Christ through his words and deeds over the years.

We invite you to join us in honoring Pastor Stafford H. Byers at a special celebration on **Sunday, November 1, 2026, at Coral House in Baldwin, NY**, where we will share memories, express our gratitude, and pray blessings over this next chapter. Tickets for this event are \$125(adults) and \$65(children 12 and under). We graciously ask each church to sponsor one full table seating 10 individuals representing your congregation. In addition, we invite you to bring a special presentation or gift of love for the guest of honor representative of how unforgettable his service was to you.

To commemorate this momentous occasion, we will be publishing a retirement souvenir journal, “Unforgettable – A Legacy of Faithful Service.” We warmly invite the church, family members, friends, and businesses to participate by purchasing an ad, submitting a heartfelt congratulatory message, or sharing an unforgettable memory of Pastor Byers. This journal will serve as a lasting keepsake highlighting the ministry of Pastor Byers. The proceeds from the journal ads will go towards presenting the guest of honor with a meaningful gift of thanks for his years of service. We welcome the submission of photos (with a brief description) from your church and family archives depicting just how unforgettable Pastor Byers truly is. Your support and participation are greatly appreciated. **The submission deadline is September 30, 2026.**

For ad submissions:

Lorraine Archie Phone #: 718-291-8006 Ext. 2227 Email: [larchie@northeastern.org](mailto:larchie@northeastern.org)

Pricing Information as follows:

Business Card - \$100

Congratulations - \$200

Quarter Page Ad - \$200

Half Page Ad - \$300

Full Page Ad - \$500

Payment Options:

Cash

Check – Payable to Elmont Temple SDA Church

Cashapp - \$elmonttemplesda

Zelle – [elmonttemplesda@gmail.com](mailto:elmonttemplesda@gmail.com)

[www.adventistgiving.org](http://www.adventistgiving.org) – Elmont Temple SDA Church – line item “Pastor’s Retirement”

Thank you for your continued love, support and prayers for Pastor Stafford H. Byers and his ministry of service to our Lord. His work has touched the lives of countless believers. We look forward to celebrating this joyous occasion together as one church family.

May God continue to richly bless you all.

With Christian love and gratitude,

Retirement Planning Committee

Elmont Temple SDA Church