

**Reverend Leon Troy, Sr.**  
Chairman, House of Troy Foundation

Reverend Leon L. Troy was born in Cleveland, Ohio and attended schools in Toledo, graduating from Scott High School. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Toledo, his B.D. from Oberlin Graduate School of Theology and his M.D. from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. He has done studies at the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Francisco, California. He has also received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Ohio Dominican College and the recipient of the 1997 Temple Israel Humanitarian of the Year Award. In 2001 he received an Honorary Degree from Franklin University.

Rev. Troy has held four pastorates in the State of Ohio. The First Baptist Church, in Oxford, Ohio; the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Sandusky, Ohio; the Second Baptist Church, in Warren, Ohio and the historical Second Baptist Church, in Columbus, Ohio, celebrating 169 years of Christian Service. He has 50 years in ministry and 40 years of pastoring.

While in Sandusky, he instituted a Head Start Program, as a result of this program, ten other Head Start Programs were developed throughout the city and the country by other agencies.

Rev. Troy is married to the former Berniece Jordan (58 years). They are the proud parents of five sons; Leon L. Jr., Keith A., Adam K., Eric J. and Jay Scott (deceased). They have three daughters-in-law, Brenda, Victoria and Gayle. They also have eight grandchildren; Myeshia, Tiffane, Andre, Shanece, Kendall, Armand, Aris, Raykale and great-grandchild, McKenzie.