



## Horace Clarence Boyer, PhD

Keynote Speaker at the 221<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Convention

Horace Clarence Boyer, PhD, is Professor Emeritus of Music Theory and African American Music at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he taught for twenty-six years. During the 1985-86 academic year, Boyer served as Guest Curator of Musical History at the Smithsonian Institution and during the 1986-87 year he was the Distinguished Scholar-at-Large at Fisk University where he conducted the famed Fisk Jubilee Singers in thirty-five concerts. Boyer served as advisor on gospel music to the New Grove Dictionary of American Music, for which he wrote forty-five biographical entries; edited EVERY VOICE AND SING II - AN AFRICAN AMERICAN HYMNAL (for the Episcopal Church), and authored the very popular HOW SWEET THE SOUND - THE GOLDEN AGE OF GOSPEL.

With his brother, James, a retired Professor of Education, Boyer has performed throughout his life as the Boyer Brothers. They recorded on the Savoy and Nashboro labels and have appeared in concerts, festivals and on television, and with such gospel singers Mahalia Jackson, Clara Ward, Alex Bradford, James Cleveland, and Dorothy Love Coates.

As a scholar, Boyer has appeared in such documentaries as the BBC's THE STORY OF GOSPEL. MAHALIA JACKSON: THE POWER AND THE GLORY J and DARK MIDNIGHT WHEN I RISE: THE STORY OF THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS.

At his retirement from the University of Massachusetts in 1999, the Department of Music and Dance established the Horace Clarence Boyer Gospel Music Fund in honor and recognition of his outstanding service to the University.

**Buy your tickets now** to attend the Banquet at the 221<sup>st</sup> Diocesan Convention on March 4, 2005 at the Hilton Conference Hotel in Cherry Hill. The reservation form is included in this mailing. Deadline for reservations is February 21, 2005.

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Featured this year is Mark MacGougan who is an Episcopal layperson from Connecticut. Over the past ten years, he has developed a series of comedy routines explaining Episcopal practices. He has presented these routines at churches and conferences across the region. The Bishop of Connecticut has referred to Mark as "one of the top 50 liturgical comedians in Central Connecticut."

Mark is a parishioner of Trinity Church, Hartford, where he has been an active member of the (K)Naves drama group, which has presented three original productions he wrote. Mark grew up near Tacoma, Washington and is a graduate of Yale University. He has a day job with The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company and lives in West Hartford with his wife and whichever of their three children are not away at college at the moment.

For the diocesan convention banquet, Mark will be presenting *Service with a Smile* — which he describes as a cross between a stand-up comedy routine and an instructed Eucharist.