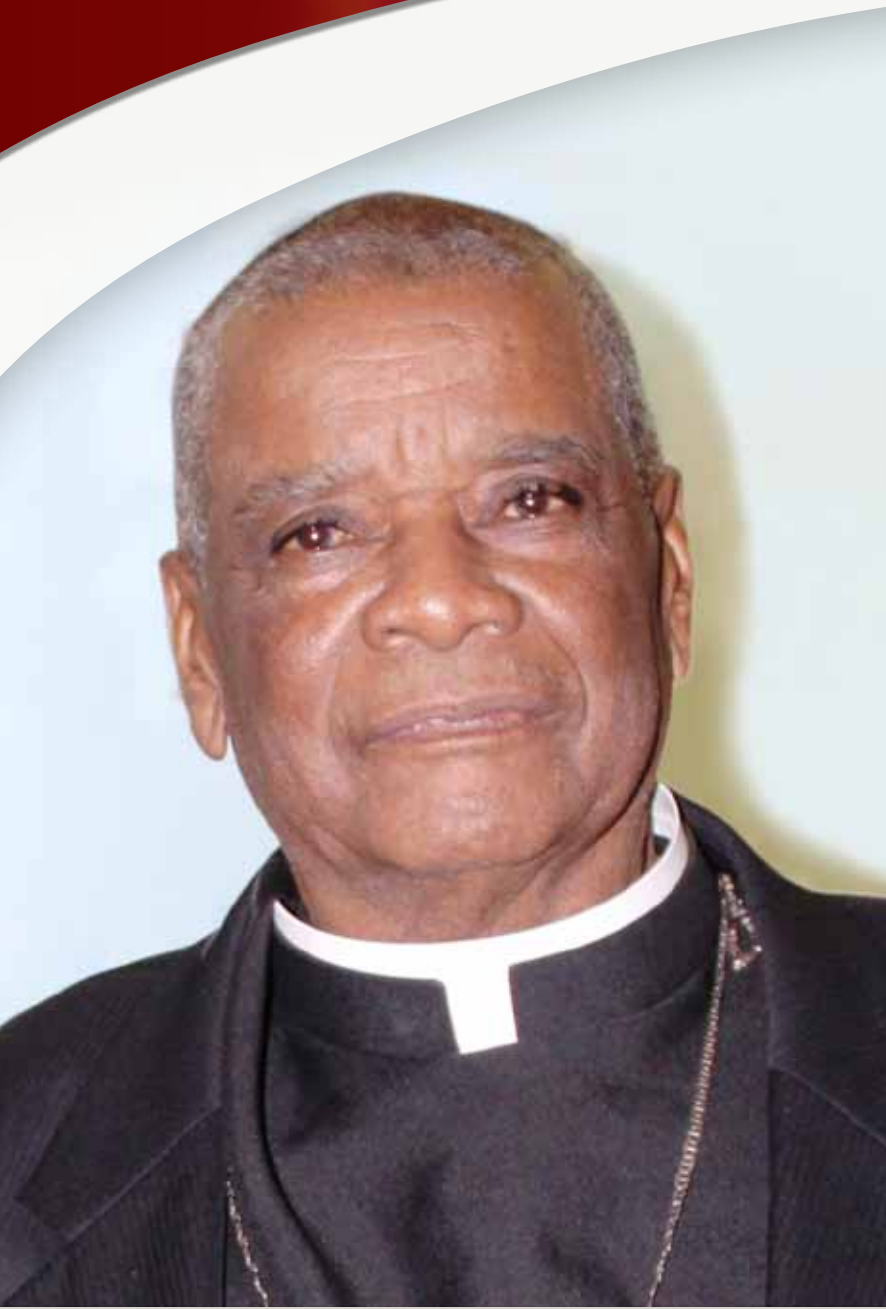


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*Unsung Heroes:
Men who Make a Difference*



Archbishop Vincent Waterman
Sydney

Born in Barbados and raised in New York, Archbishop Waterman has pastored St. Philips African Orthodox Church in Whitney Pier since 1983. At age 85 he is still active as a pastor and known in the community for his commitment to justice and equality.

"Father Waterman is an extraordinary man who deserves to know how much everyone appreciates, admires, and looks up to him. I don't think he realizes what an impact he has on people's lives: his smile, wisdom, and legacy will not be forgotten."



Keith Miller
Yarmouth

For more than 25 years Keith Miller has volunteered as an Auxiliary Constable at the Yarmouth RCMP Detachment. He has helped train dozens of recruits and served as a mentor, teacher, coach, friend, and role model to many African Nova Scotian youth.

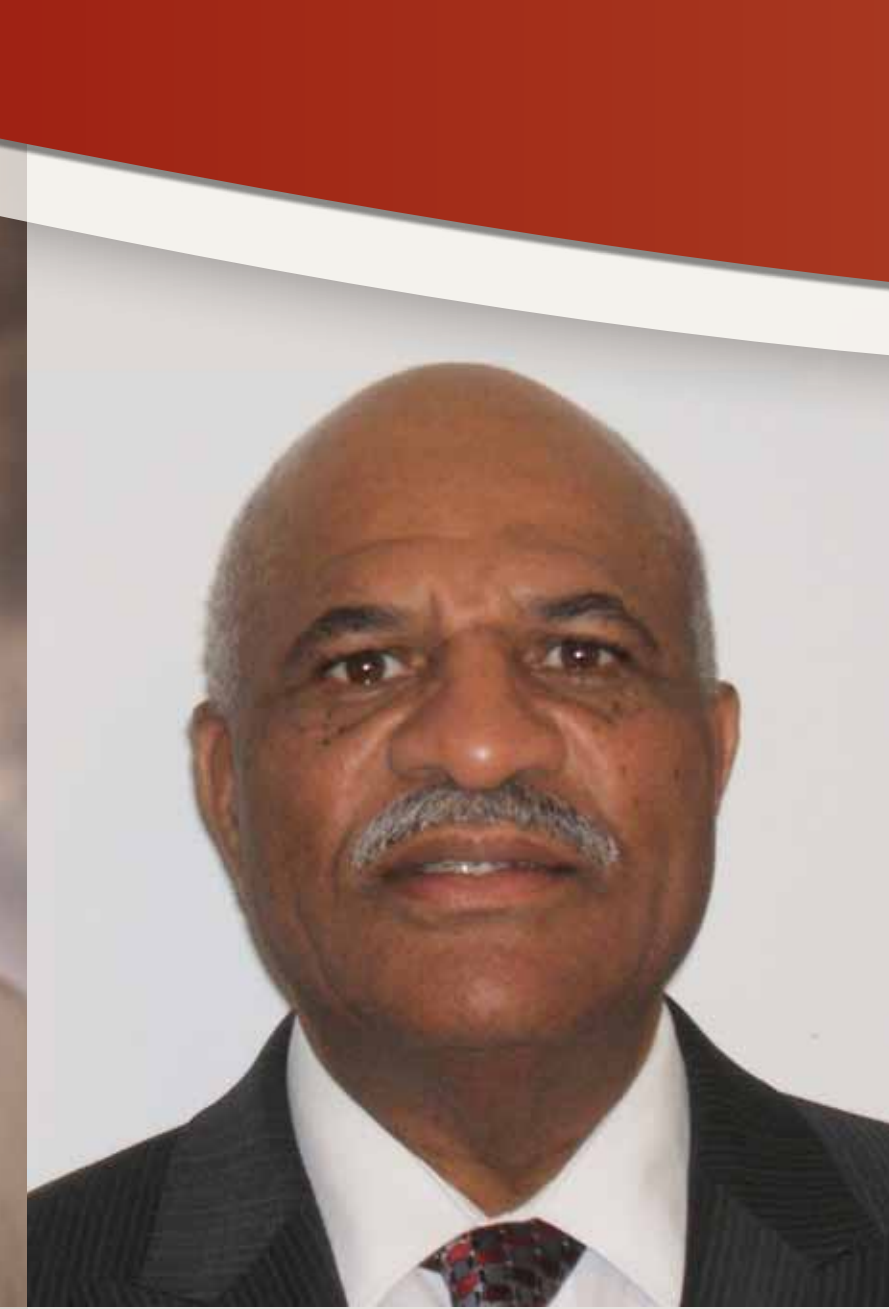
"He exhibits traits that many police officers admire greatly. Whether it be diffusing a tense situation with his calm and gentle nature, or the compassion he displays for others, Keith has earned the respect of so many people."



Joel Marsman
Lower Sackville

Over the course of a successful career, Joel Marsman has had an impact on occupational health and safety practices across the province. He is an active community member who volunteers at Emmanuel Baptist Church, shares his expertise with non-profit organizations, and mentors youth and young professionals.

"I have seen him build strong relationships and set such a good example that young people have changed their career direction to emulate his success."



Everett Desmond
Upper Big Tracadie

Everett Desmond is a pillar of support in the Guysborough area as a volunteer and lay leader with Tracadie Baptist Church and other community groups. He selflessly gives of his time, energy, and even finances to help the young and old and anyone in need.

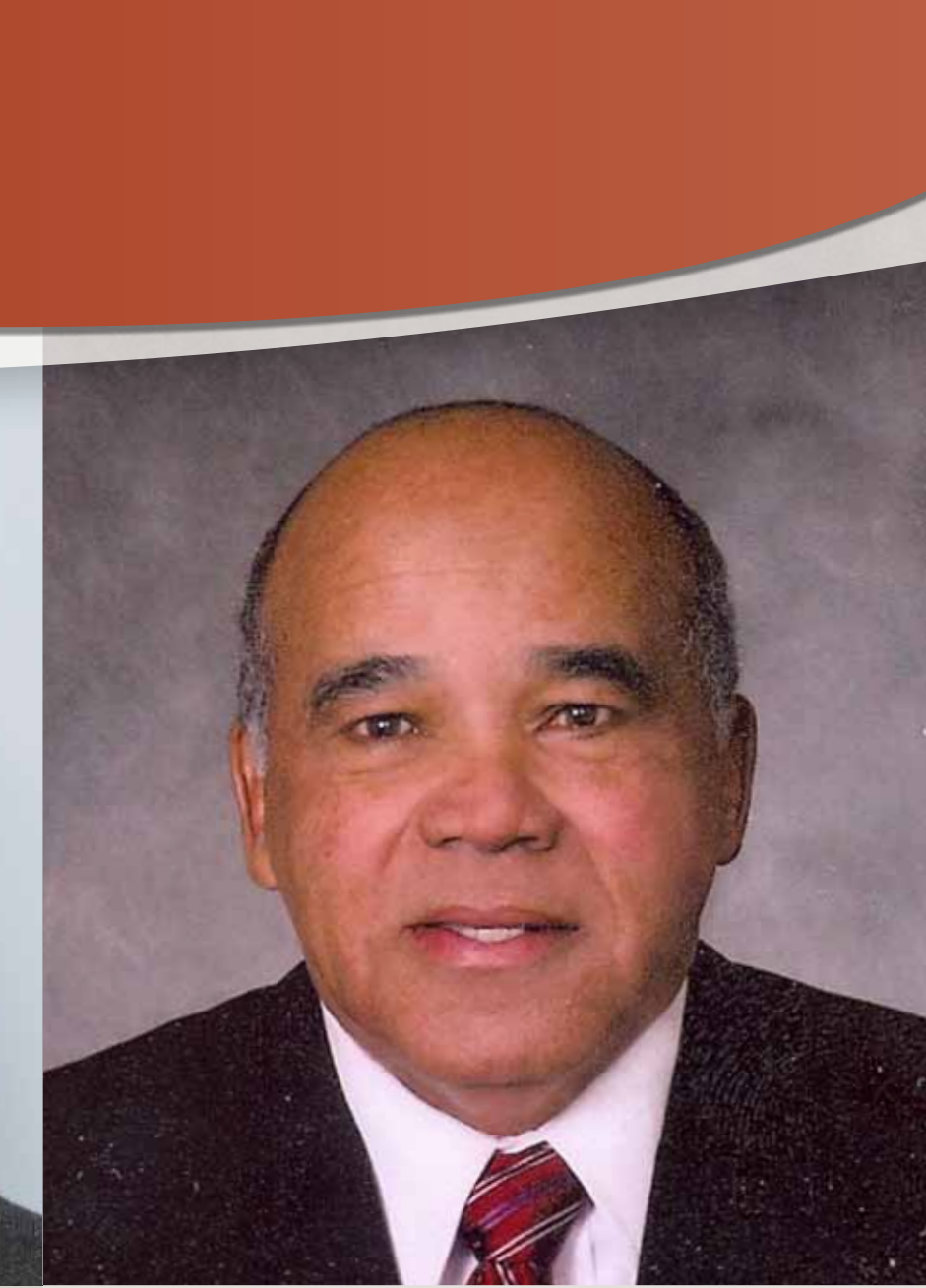
"He's always there to lend a hand to any member of the African Nova Scotian communities in the Guysborough area. He truly lives the word of the Lord in word and deed."



Donald Cooke Jr.
Amherst

Donald Cooke Jr. has a reputation in his community as the man to call when you need a hand. The 53-year-old father of six has provided jobs through the family business and his own company, delivers food to the elderly, assists the homeless, and helps countless youth find their way.

"Around his table there's always room for one more, and all are welcomed. He continues to serve his community well... quietly, consistently, and without expectation."



C.F. "Babe" Paris
New Glasgow

"Babe" Paris has fought racism and stood up for human rights for decades, in ways big and small. An inaugural member of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission in 1967 and a frequent speaker on social justice, he worked with groups from the Black United Front to the Black Business Consortium.

"Mr. Paris has changed many lives. He takes the struggles and trials of others very seriously and personally, and it is his passion, compassion, and determination that drive him to achieve results."