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The Regional Presidents Council, the Office for Regional Conference Ministries, and the Regional Conference Retirement Plan Office mourn the loss of a spiritual giant - our beloved leader, mentor, friend, and former North American Division President, Elder Charles Bradford.

Elder Bradford knew Jesus, and his stalwart faith in God was contagious! All that he accomplished in life Elder Bradford attributed to his relationship with God and the faithfulness of our God. He was a gifted preacher, an exceptional administrator, a wise and trusted counselor, a bold leader, and an encouraging teacher.

Elder Bradford was a pioneer in Regional Conference ministry, serving as a pastor and conference president. He was a courageous champion not only for the Black work but for women's ordination and race relations within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. As the first African-American to serve as North American Division president, Elder Bradford was a trailblazer whose impact is still felt today. His legacy of love, integrity, and faith continue to inspire Regional Ministries and the entire Seventh-day Adventist Church body.

We thank God for the life and exemplary service of Elder Charles Bradford. Our hearts go out to Mrs. Ethel Bradford, their children, and extended family. We pray God's comfort and peace for all who grieve the loss of Elder Charles Bradford.

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

Elder William L. Winston, President, South Atlantic Conference / President, Regional Conference Presidents Council

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Elder Marvin C. Brown, President, Allegheny West Conference

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Elder Garth Gabriel, President, Lake Region Conference

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