



**Philadelphia Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc.**

To: All OIC Staff & Board Members

From: Robert C. Nelson  
President & CEO

Subject: *Announcement of Sorrow*

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We regret to inform you of the passing of Reverend Thomas J. Ritter, D.D. on Saturday, January 17, 2009.

As the Co-Founder & First Executive Director of OIC, he helped the late Reverend Sullivan build a training program that has spread throughout the United States and the world. He also traveled as far as Ghana, Liberia and Gabon to help set up OIC training programs in Africa.

Funeral Arrangements are as follows:

Friday, January 23, 2009 Reverend Ritter will lie in state from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Followed by a Tribute Service at 7 p.m.

Saturday January 24, 2009 Viewing will be from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. with the Funeral Services beginning at 10 a.m.

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1301 W. Ruscomb Street  
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