

Cedar Rapids' Dedic Doolin elected new National NAACP Board Member

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Dedic Doolin was installed to the NAACP's National Board of Directors this month. The board selected Doolin as a replacement for Rev. Keith A. Ratliff who resigned earlier this year. Doolin was officially installed on October 20, 2012 in Arlington, Maryland by Leon Russel, Vice Chairman of the National Board of Directors for the nation's largest civil rights organization.

Doolin was presented to the board with strong recommendations from the State Conference Presidents in Region 4 which includes Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Missouri. "We felt very strongly that Rev. Ratliff's replacement should come from Iowa," said Arnold Woods, Iowa Nebraska State Conference President. "Dedic is a perfect fit because he has an impeccable history of dedication and passion for the NAACP and has devoted his life to civil rights work that goes far beyond his membership."

Said Doolin about joining the 60 plus member board, "I am honored to serve in this new role and am deeply humbled by the responsibility that comes with it." Dedic is an NAACP Life Member in the organization who became active as a teen and also serves as Cedar Rapids Branch President and Secretary for the Iowa Nebraska State Conference. In the past he has been active in the roles of Youth Advisor and Vice President. About replacing Ratliff he

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comments. "Rev. Ratliff and I work extremely well together. I consulted him before accepting this position."

"We're grateful to have our esteemed president championing ethnic equity issues at the national level and know he will represent us well." said Rita Robinson, First Vice President of of the Cedar Rapids NAACP. "Dedric believes in working hard and is masterfully competent in moving an agenda."

In his professional life Doolin is employed as Senior Deputy Director / Clinical Director for the Area Substance Abuse Council where he oversees over 200 employees. In his executive role, he is also president of the Iowa Substance Abuse Supervisors Association and chairperson of the Iowa Multicultural Substance Abuse Advisory Coalition.

Additional state and community organization impact includes I'll Make Me a World in Iowa which is Iowa's African American Festival, The African American Family Preservation and Resource Committee, Cedar Rapids Leadership Circle, Oakhill Jackson Neighborhood Association and numerous other boards and committees with missions of civil justice.

Though his community dedication is clear, Doolin, who is the head usher of Cedar Rapid's Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church sums up his most important role and the reason behind his life's work. "I am servant of the almighty Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to serve his people is to serve him."

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