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Dr. Brinton P. Minshall (Britt) is a second career pastor. His first career as a law enforcement officer in New Jersey spanned sixteen years. He concluded this era serving as the Chief Operating Officer of GASA, a security firm specializing in crowd control and high security situations. He now serves as the Dean of the Renaissance Institute of American Churches, and as senior pastor of the Cathedral Church of Saint Matthew, a one hundred fifty year old United Church of Christ in Baltimore, Maryland.

Britt was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in the North Carolina Baptist Convention, but now has full connection in the United Church of Christ. He first served the Florida Conference of the UCC where he pastored established churches and served as a church starter. During the period 1990 through the present, Britt has conducted church renewals and parish consultations in churches of several denominations. He has also been a regular teacher and speaker at the national Evangelism Institutes from 1990 through 1994. He was called as the pastor of St. Matthew in November of 1995.

Britt gained notoriety in Florida when, in 1985, he successfully crusaded throughout the state to secure the release of children from incarceration with adults in mental institutions. He authored, and saw enacted into law, by direct intervention of the Holy Spirit, a Children's Bill of Rights in the Mental Health System. Since early in the 1980's, he has been an active writer and speaker advocating universal health care.

Britt holds an Associate of Divinity Degree from Southeastern Theological Seminary, a Bachelor of Arts from Edison State College, a Master of Divinity from Emory University, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree, with a major focus in Socio-psychology and Leadership Development, from Boston University. He is an active member of the American Society of Training and Development, the Alban Institute, Amnesty International, and Habitat for Humanity. Britt has been a voice for justice through his work as a Liberationist particularly with regard to the oppressed people of Latin America.

Britt and his wife Kathy are urban homesteaders in the Mayfield section of Baltimore. Theologically, he is a moderate, holding traditional main-stream Christian values. He has introduced a unique mixture of social activism and biblical evangelism that has generated a new sense of excitement in the mainline church. The emphasis of his prophetic ministry has been God's call for the people of the church to come back to the love and openness of Jesus Christ -- putting an end to the closed community His church has become. The lost, lonely, and hurting people of the world will soon fill the church and come to Christ, as signs and wonders follow.

