## **Mission Moment**



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Dr. Jackson was born and raised in Long Island, New York and is currently Senior Pastor of St. Timothy Community Church, Gary, Indiana. He is in his 5th year as an adjunct professor here at CCSJ.

It has been a distinct honor to be included as part of the teaching staff and family of CCSJ. I was connected to the CCSJ family 5 years ago through Father Kevin Scalf, who is a man of great passion for cultivating the academic, spiritual, and ethical development of our students and staff. It was his passion that resonated in my spirit and has ignited my love for teaching with a passion that has affirmed the inherent dignity of my students, as I empower them with the vitalness of social justice.

I have taught my students the importance of being a voice for the voiceless. Being empowered to advocate for the voiceless when social policies or community attitudes prevent people from moving out of poverty or any other social injustice. Therefore, how do we become the voice for justice and be successful and belong as well? For me, CCSJ is that place we see ourselves as victors rather than victims. We pull on our faith to give us strength, courage, fortitude and endurance to be in this world, but not of the injustice this world has manifested in our society. I encourage students to be the voice of change!