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— theologian

"Truly, I'm proud to be a Kinstonian," commented the Rev. Dr. Paul F. Thompson as he expressed delight in being asked to attend to his hometown's All America City celebration Oct. 16.

"May our fair city continue to make progress and be singled out for the outstanding community that it is," he added.

His schedule will not permit him to be here for the celebration, however.

Born in Kinston in 1933, Dr. Thompson was educated in the public schools. He obtained his bachelor of arts degree from Morehead College of Atlanta, Ga. and his master of divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School. In addition, he has done graduate studies at Niagara University, the University of Connecticut, the Virginia Union University School of Religion, and Drew University School of Theology.

He has served several churches in New York, Rhode Island and California, and is presently pastor at New Hope Baptist Church in Buffalo, New York.

Thompson has held numerous community and religious positions. He was the first chairman of the Human Relations Committee, Niagara Falls; was secretary of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Syracuse was a member of the Board of Directors of Syracuse Area Inter-Religious Council (1975-1980); was a member of an Advisory Committee of the New York State Council of Churches; and is national secretary of the Black American Baptist Caucus.

In addition, he is past president of American Baptist Church of New York State, a member at large of Billy Graham Buffalo Crusade; and is now convener-secretary of Black American Baptist Churchmen of New York State.