

Gov. Steven Beshear has appointed D. Anthony Everett of Lexington, Ky., to serve on the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights Board of Commissioners, representing the state at large. Rev. Everett M.Div. is an adjunct lecturer of Religious Studies at Spalding University in Louisville, Ky., and is the pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Lexington. About his appointment, he said, "I believe this is part of a vocation that includes standing up for social justice and serving the public, and I am honored that Governor Beshear has appointed me." He replaces former Commissioner Millie Hudson Diehl of Fort Mitchell, Ky., who recently resigned. Everett's term will expire on Sept. 12, 2015.



Commission Chair George W. Stinson of Louisville, Ky. was reappointed by the governor to represent the 4th Supreme Court District. The governor designated Commissioner Stinson to continue serving as chair. He is owner of a real estate developing company, SLS Management LLC, in Louisville. His term will expire on Sept. 12, 2017.



Commissioner Samuel R. Coleman Jr. of Middlesboro, Ky., was reappointed, representing the state at large. He is director of the Small Business Development Center at Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College. He has served as a state Human Rights Commissioner since 2008. His term will expire on Sept. 12, 2017.



Commissioner Doris L. Sarr, Ph.D., of Murray, Ky., was reappointed, representing the state at-large. Dr. Sarr is director of the Adventures in Math & Science (AIMS) program at Murray State University. She has served as a state Human Rights Commissioner since 2012. Her term will expire on Sept. 12, 2017.



Commissioner Timothy W. Thomas of Madisonville, Ky., was reappointed, representing the 1st Supreme Court District. He hosts the Western Kentucky Television program, “Focus on Hopkins County,” and serves as president of Kentucky State Crime-Stopppers Assoc., where he serves over 19 organizations across the state. He is funeral director apprentice at Brooks, Redds and Hollowell Funeral Home in Hopkinsville, Ky. He has served as a state Human Rights Commissioner since 2008. His term will expire on Sept. 12, 2017.

“We are honored to welcome Reverend Everett to the commission and look forward to his service to the people of Kentucky in helping eradicate discrimination,” said commission Executive Director John J. Johnson. “We are pleased that Chair Stinson and Commissioners Coleman, Sarr and Thomas have been reappointed,” he said. “Their continuing dedication is much needed by Kentuckians, and we are honored that they have agreed to go forward with this important work,” Johnson said.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government authority that enforces the Kentucky and U.S. Civil Rights acts, which make discrimination illegal. The Board of Commissioners meets regularly to rule on discrimination complaints made by people alleging that illegal discrimination incidents have occurred in Kentucky.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination in the areas of employment, public accommodations, housing and financial transactions. It is illegal to discriminate because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age (40 and over in the area of employment), disability, familial status (households with children under age 18 and pregnant women) in the area of housing, and tobacco-smoking status in the area of employment. It is illegal to retaliate against a person who has made a discrimination complaint to the commission.

For more information, contact the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights at 1.800.292.5566 or visit the website at www.kchr.ky.gov.