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Rev. Reuben D. Eckels is the proud pastor of New Day Christian Church. Founded on the campus of Wichita State University with only seven members, New Day has grown and played a prominent role in the spiritual and political life of the City of Wichita. Prior to founding the New Day Christian Church, Rev. Eckels pastored Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Salina, Kansas from 1997 until 2000.

Raised in Wichita, Kansas, Rev. Eckels graduated from Wichita Southeast High school and Wichita State University. In 1996, he received his Masters of Divinity degree from Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio. While at Payne he received numerous honors:

- Who's Who in Colleges and Seminaries
- Community Service Award
- Payne Seminary Best Senior Sermon Award

A gifted athlete, he lettered in football, track, and basketball in high school and received the New-Comer of the Year; All Conference and All-American Honors while playing football at Wichita State University. Rev. Eckels played two years in the Canadian Football League and was inducted to the Wichita State University's Hall-of-Fame.

Other Honors and Accomplishments

- Board Member of the AME Board of Examiners 1997
- Delegate to the AME General Conference 1996
- NAACP Men of Distinction Award 1996
- Director of The Office of Multicultural Affairs Wichita State University 2005
- Co-Founder of the ON-TRAC Mentoring Program 2000
- Facilitated the Honoring of First Black Mayor in Kansas, Robert C. Caldwell (member of Allen Chapel, AME Church Salina, Kansas. (plaza and permanent marker next to City Hall named Caldwell Plaza in his honor)
- Mentors Youth at Gordon Parks Academy (works with students weekly)
- President/CEO of New Day Christian Ministries
- CEO of Comic/Ministries-Produced New Comic Book *Wichita Man published 2009*
- Elected President of The Wichita Ministerial League 2009

Pastor Eckels greatest accomplishment is being married to the lovely Carla Eckels for 25 years. They have two beautiful children, Samuel Isaiah Eckels and Lauren Elizabeth Eckels.