



**Biographical Sketch
Sharon Hannum**

Sharon Hannum was born to Robert (Bobby) "and Edna "June" Hannum in Blount County, Tennessee and was educated at Hale Elementary, Maryville Jr. High and Maryville High School. She is a graduate of the Maryville High School class of 1969. She attended Draughon's Business College (currently South College) where she attained an Associates Degree in Business Administration.

Sharon spent seven years as an employee of the Carborundum Company, Pollution Control Division in Knoxville, TN and while working as a Marketing/PR Coordinator, received a phone call from The Aluminum Company of America, now known as Alcoa, Inc. and formerly known as "The Plant", recruiting her to employment at Alcoa. Sharon is currently retired from Alcoa, Inc. with 30 years of service. Sharon began her career as a Unit Supervisor in the North Ingot Department. She was recruited especially for this role, as there were no women in this traditionally male dominated position. After working as a Unit Supervisor for 7 years in the Ingot Department and rising to the level of Shift Supervisor, she transferred into Central Services, the Maintenance, Engineering and Utilities division of Tennessee Operations. It is from this division that she retired as an Area Coordinator.

Sharon is the mother of one son, Robert Todd Hannum, who is the light and joy of her life. Todd is a Regional Marketing and Sales Product Manager for Ramsey Industries and is presently residing in Atlanta, Georgia. Sharon is devoted to her family and St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church of Maryville where she serves as a licensed Exhorter, serves on the Administrative Board, Class Leader, Board of Activities for the Jehovah-Jireh Food Ministry, Prayer Coordinator, Sunday School Teacher, Facilitator for Sisters 4 Tomorrow/Daughters of Imani Girls Mentoring Program, and Facilitator for the Intercessory Prayer Ministry and Pastor's Intercessory Prayer Team at her local church..

Sharon serves as a Maryville District Officer as Director of Young Adults in the Department of Christian Education and the District Intercessory Prayer Team. She further serves her church in the capacity of Tennessee Conference Director of Christian Education and was appointed by the Presiding Prelate of the Mid-West Episcopal Area as Mid-West Youth Director, Coordinator for the Mid-West Youth Leadership Institute and as a member of the Mid-West Prayer Team.

In the community Sharon currently serves as President of the Board of Trustees for the Blount County Public Library; Chair of the Jail Inspection Committee for Blount County Government; Board of Directors, Pellissippi State Community College Board of Trustees; Advisory Board New Opportunity School for Women and the Community Advisory Board for Denso Manufacturing Tennessee. Sharon has also developed and facilitates The Women's Support Network created to serve women who have been incarcerated and are seeking a new start in life, in collaboration with Blount County Global Women where she also serves on the Steering Committee for Blount County Global Women; member of the Blount County Ecumenical Action Council; Facilitates The Women in Business Focus Group for the Blount Chamber Partnership; and the United Way Food Pantry Collaboration and Helpline committees.

Sharon has been nominated for the AAUW Crystal Award in 2008 and the 2013 Athena Leadership Award, is the recipient of the 2014 Athena Leadership Award; the Mayor's Lifetime Achievement Award and was also named one of Blount County's Hero's for 2014. Sharon also received in December 2012 an award for Exemplary Service in Christian Education for the Central Region of the AME Zion Church and was the recipient of the 2013 MLK, Jr.

Committee, "Anthony Dunnings" Community Service Award. Sharon is also a 1998 graduate of Leadership Blount.

It is Sharon's desire to live her life in service to church and community as God would have her to serve and love as God has called her to love...with Christ as her model.

Past community service:

Martin Luther King Jr. Committee (22 years; 17 years as chair)

Blount Chamber Foundation (10 years; and also served on the Board of Directors)

Blount Education Initiative

Established Blount Achieves which is now part of Tennessee Achieves

Alcoa City Schools Foundation (9 years as Chair)

Co-Chair of the East Tennessee Women's Leadership Summit (until December of 2014)

Board of Directors for Leadership Blount (Alumni of class of 1998)

Advisory Board for the Daily Times